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The Evangelical Church of America emerges from the Jubilee Year with a new vision of opportunities and obligations, a new ambition to live up to both, and an added measure of strength and courage for the tasks that lie just ahead. With a new consecration to the Word of the Cross and the Kingdom of God she goes forward towards the century mark in the firm conviction that in spite of all the warfare, strife and confusion the kingdom of the world must become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, and that He shall reign forever and ever.

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The Year 1916

The year 1916 is a leap year of 366 days. Of the Jewish era it is 5677; of the Mohammedan 1,334. Since the beginning of the German Reformation it is the 399th, and since the beginning of American independence it is the 140th.

Eclipses

There will be five eclipses during 1916; three of the sun and two of the moon, as follows:

I. Those of the Sun

1. A *total eclipse* of the sun Feb. 3, visible as a partial eclipse on the sun's southern limb thruout the United States, except in Alaska and the Philippine Islands. Somewhat less than half of the disk will be eclipsed in the Eastern States, and about one-fourth in the Western. The sun will rise partially eclipsed west of a line from near the south-east corner of Arizona to Ft. Benton, Montana. At Washington, D. C. the eclipse will begin at 10:30 A. M. and end at 0:15 P. M., mean time; Chicago, 9:16 A. M. to 11:04 A. M.; St. Louis, 8:57 A. M. to 10:51 A. M.; New York City, 10:21 A. M. to 0:34 P. M.

2. An *annular eclipse* of the sun, visible in Australia, the southern Philippine Islands, etc.

3. A *partial eclipse* of the sun, Dec. 24, a mere contact of limbs visible in extreme southern latitudes only.

II. Those of the Moon

1. A partial eclipse of the moon, Jan. 20, visible thruout North America. Barely one-fourth of the disk will be obscured on the southern limb. The eclipse begins at 2:27 A. M. and ends at 4:16 A. M., Washington mean time.

2. A partial eclipse of the moon, July 14-15, visible generally in the United States. Almost the entire disk will be obscured on the moon's northern limb. The eclipse begins on the 14th at 10:11 P. M. and ends at 1:04 A. M. on the 15th, Washington mean time.

For inter-colonial time add, and for Central, Mountain and Pacific time subtract 1 hr. for each.

Visibility of the Planets

Planets, Morning Stars

West of Sun

Mercury, Mar. 4-10 and Oct. 10-20, rising near the beginning of morning twilight.

Venus, after July 3d.

Mars, not at all.

Jupiter, April 1 to July 27.

Saturn, from July 12 to Oct. 24.

Planets, Evening Stars

East of Sun

Mercury, Jan. 15-20 and Sept. 6-10, setting near the close of evening twilight.

Venus, to July 3d.

Mars all the year.

Jupiter, to April 1 and after July 27.

Saturn, to July 12 and after Oct. 24.

The United States Weather Bureau

Since 1870 the United States Government has maintained a service having for its object the forecasting of weather conditions thruout the United States. During the first twenty years of its development the work was conducted by the signal corps of the Army. In 1891 the service was reorganized and the present weather bureau established as a branch of the Department of Agriculture.

The weather bureau is probably best known to the public thru the medium of its daily forecasts and weather maps. The forecasts are based upon simultaneous observations of local weather conditions taken daily at 8:00 A. M. and 8:00 P. M., seventy-fifth meridian time, at more than 200 regular observing stations scattered thruout the United States and the West Indies. Each of these stations is operated by one or more trained observers, and is equipped with mercurial barometers (for determining the weight or pressure of the atmosphere), thermometers, wind vanes, rain and snow gages, and anemometers (for measuring the force or velocity of the wind), and many of them with sunshine recorders, barographs (for recording automatically the variations of atmospheric pressure), thermographs and other devices which register automatically a continuous record of the local weather conditions as they occur. The result of these twice-daily observations are immediately telegraphed to the central office at Washington, D. C., where they are charted for study and interpretation by experts trained to forecast the weather conditions which may be expected to prevail during the following thirty-six to forty-eight hours.

Within two hours after the morning observations have been taken, the forecasts are telegraphed from the forecast centers to more than 2,100 principal distributing points, whence they are further disseminated by telegraph, telephone and mail. This system of forecast distribution is wholly under the supervision and at the expense of the Government, and is in addition to and distinct from the distribution effected thru the press associations and the daily newspapers. The rural free mail delivery system and rural telephone lines afford means of bringing within the benefits of this system a large number of farming communities which before it was impracticable to reach.

In order to study properly the climate of the country the *climatological service* of the weather bureau has been established. For this purpose the country has been divided into forty-four sections, each one, as a rule, covering a single State, and having for its center a regular observing station. These centers collect temperature and rainfall observations from more than 3,600 co-operative stations and publish these data in the form of monthly reports which are given a wide distribution. During the crop-growing season (from April to September, inclusive) each section also receives weekly mail reports of weather conditions from numerous correspondents and publishes them

in the form of *weekly weather bulletins*. During the same season the central office at Washington issues weekly a *national weather bulletin* containing a series of charts graphically illustrating current and normal conditions of temperature and rainfall for the entire country, and a general summary of the weather for each State. There is also issued every Tuesday during the winter a "*Snow and Ice bulletin*," which shows the area covered by snow, the depth of snow, and the thickness of ice in rivers, etc., as indicated by a large number of reports of observations made on the afternoon of the day preceding.

The use made of the daily forecasts is better known than the value of the publication of the weather data and the dissemination of the warnings of exceptionally severe and injurious weather conditions, such as storms and hurricanes, cold waves, frosts, floods, heavy rains and snows. The warnings as to storms and hurricanes, issued for the benefit of marine interests, are the most important and pecuniarily valuable. They are displayed at more than 300 points along the Atlantic, Pacific and Gulf coasts, and the shores of the Great Lakes, including every port and harbor of considerable importance. The service has become so nearly perfect that scarcely a storm of marked danger to maritime interests has occurred for years for which ample warnings have not been issued from twelve to twenty-four hours in advance. The sailings of the immense number of lake and ocean vessels are largely determined by these warnings, and those displayed for a single hurricane are known to have detained in port Atlantic coast vessels, valued, with their cargoes, at over \$30,000,000, not to mention the number of human lives saved.

The warnings of those sudden and destructive temperature changes known as cold waves are probably next in importance. These warnings, disseminated by means of flags thruout the threatened regions displayed at weather bureau and subdisplay stations, enable the inhabitants to take precautions for the safeguarding of personal comfort and health, and the protection from freezing of produce of all kinds. The early truck raising industry in the Gulf and South Atlantic regions and in Florida, and the fruit growers there and in California, are largely dependent for their success on the cooperation of the weather bureau. Large sums have been invested in tents and screens and in heating, smudging and irrigating apparatus for the protection of their groves and orchards, to be put into use when notified by the Bureau of the expected occurrence of injurious changes in weather conditions. River commerce is also greatly aided, and lives in property in regions subjected to overflow are protected by the publication of the river stages and flood forecasts received from about 500 special river stations.

Information concerning the nearest weather bureau station may be obtained from any postmaster, and the numerous offices of the country with their records and other information are always open to the public.

"Sing unto Jehovah, all the earth; show forth His salvation from day to day. Declare His glory among the nations, His marvellous glory among the peoples," 1 Chron. 16: 23, 24.

Week	Days	Month	January 1916		Sun rises	Sun sets	Moon rises and sets
			MEMORABLE DAYS	Bible Readings			
S	1		New Year's Day	Rev. 22: 8-16	7 30	4 38	3 32
Day of Penitence and Prayer							
1 Sunday after New Year Matt. 2: 13-23; Titus 3: 4-8							
S	2		Wilhelm Loehe † 1872	Rev. 14: 1-7	7 30	4 39	4 11
M	3		Gordius † 303	Acts 2: 1-13	7 30	4 40	6 09
T	4		Moses Stuart † 1852	Joel 2: 23-29	7 30	4 41	7 51
W	5		Johann Hess † 1547	Is. 44: 1-8	7 30	4 42	sets
T	6		Epiphany	Jno. 16: 7-15	7 29	4 43	6 45
F	7		Widukind baptized 785	Ps. 139: 1-12	7 29	4 44	8 02
S	8		Battle of New Orleans 1815	Jno. 14: 16-26	7 29	4 45	9 17
2 First Sunday after Epiphany Luke 2: 41-52; Rom. 12: 1-6							
S	9		Galileo Galilei † 1642	1 Cor. 12: 12-31	7 29	4 46	10 28
M	10		Karl von Linné † 1778	Acts 2: 14-24	7 29	4 47	11 35
T	11		Francis S. Key † 1843	Acts 2: 25-36	7 28	4 48	morn
W	12		Johann Heinrich Pestalozzi 1746	Acts 2: 37-47	7 28	4 49	41
T	13		George Fox † 1691	Acts 5: 29-40	7 28	4 50	1 46
F	14		Edmund Halley † 1742	Acts 11: 1-18	7 28	4 51	2 50
S	15		St. Louis Deac. Home ded. 1893	1 Pet. 1: 3-16	7 27	4 52	3 51
3 Second Sunday after Epiphany John 2: 1-11; Rom. 12: 6-16							
S	16		Johann A. Neander 1789	2 Pet. 1: 1-11	7 27	4 54	4 50
M	17		Benjamin Franklin 1706	Rom. 8: 12-17	7 26	4 55	5 42
T	18		Daniel Webster 1782	Rom. 8: 18-30	7 26	4 56	6 30
W	19		Hans Sachs † 1576	1 Cor. 2: 1-10	7 25	4 58	rises
T	20		John Howard † 1790	Zech. 4: 1-14	7 24	4 59	5 25
F	21		Matthias Claudius † 1821	Gal. 5: 16-18, 22-25	7 24	5 00	6 29
S	22		Constantine † 337	Rom. 15: 8-16	7 24	5 01	7 33
4 Third Sunday after Epiphany Matt. 8: 1-13; Rom. 12: 17-21							
S	23		Guido F. Verbeck 1830	Matth. 3: 1-12	7 22	5 03	8 38
M	24		Gold discovered in California 1848	Acts 3: 1-10	7 22	5 04	9 43
T	25		Philip Jacob Spener 1635	Acts 3: 11-26	7 21	5 05	10 51
W	26		Polycarp † 167	Is. 35: 1-10	7 20	5 06	11 59
T	27		Chrysostom 347	Matth. 11: 1-10	7 19	5 08	morn
F	28		Rev. Adolf Baltzer † 1880	Luke 14: 7-14	7 18	5 09	1 15
S	29		Ernst Moritz Arndt † 1860	Luke 5: 18-26	7 17	5 10	2 31
5 Fourth Sunday after Epiphany Matth. 8: 23-27; Rom. 18: 8-10							
S	30		Thirty Years' War ended 1648	James 5: 13-20	7 16	5 12	3 45
M	31		Charles Haddon Spurgeon † 1892	Acts 4: 1-12	7 15	5 13	4 53

MOON'S PHASES

New Moon, 4th, 10:45 P. M. Full Moon, 20th, 2:29 A. M.
First Quarter, 11th, 0:38 P. M. Last Quarter, 27th, 6:35 P. M.

"Surely His salvation is nigh them that fear Him, that glory may dwell in our land. Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other," Psa. 85: 9, 10.

Week	Days	Month	February 1916		Sun rises	Sun sets	Moon rises and sets
			MEMORABLE DAYS	Bible Readings	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.
T	1		Ignatius †	107 Acts 4: 13—22	7 14	5 14	5 49
W	2		First C. E. Society organized	1881 Acts 4: 23—31	7 13	5 15	6 36
T	3		Ansgar †	865 Eph. 6: 10—20	7 12	5 17	sets
F	4		Rhabanus Maurus †	856 Dan. 3: 13—25	7 11	5 18	6 51
S	5		Thomas Carlyle †	1881 1 Sam. 17: 39—51	7 10	5 19	8 05

6 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany Matth. 13: 24-30; Col. 3: 12-17

S	6		France recog. Indep. of U. S.	1778 Heb. 4: 9—16	7 08	5 20	9 15
M	7		George Wagner †	1527 Phil. 2: 1—11	7 07	5 22	10 23
T	8		Alexander M. Mackay †	1890 Gen. 18: 22—33	7 06	5 23	11 30
W	9		Ernst W. Hengstenberg	1804 Ex. 3: 1—12	7 04	5 25	morn
T	10		Canada a British Province	1764 Judges 6: 11—18	7 03	5 26	36
F	11		Thomas A. Edison	1847 Matth. 8: 5—13	7 02	5 27	1 40
S	12		Abraham Lincoln	1809 2 Cor. 12: 1—10	7 00	5 29	2 41

7 Sixth Sunday after Epiphany Matth. 17: 1-9; 2 Pet. 1: 16-21

S	13		Cotton Mather †	1728 Luke 18: 9—14	6 59	5 30	3 38
M	14		<i>St. Valentines Day</i>	Acts 4: 32—37	6 58	5 31	4 25
T	15		Gotthold Ephraim Lessing †	1781 Acts 5: 1—16	6 56	5 32	5 02
W	16		Philip Melanchton	1497 Rom. 15: 1—9a	6 55	5 34	5 42
T	17		Michelangelo †	1564 Gal. 6: 1—10	6 53	5 35	6 12
F	18		Martin Luther †	1546 Dan. 5: 1—9	6 52	5 36	rises
S	19		Nicholas Copernicus	1473 Mark 6: 14—29	6 51	5 37	6 25

8 Septuagesima Sunday Matt. 20: 1-16; 1 Cor. 9: 24-10: 5

S	20		Rev. L. E. Nollau †	1869 Is. 28: 1—8	6 49	5 39	7 33
M	21		Benedict Spinoza †	1677 Acts 6	6 48	5 40	8 41
T	22		George Washington	1732 Luke 10: 1—9	6 46	5 41	9 53
W	23		Bartholomæus Ziegenbalg †	1719 Mark 6: 4—13	6 45	5 42	11 04
T	24		George F. Handel	1685 Lev. 26: 3—13	6 43	5 44	morn
F	25		Isaac Newton	1642 Phil. 4: 1—7	6 42	5 45	18
S	26		Christianity perm. in Japan	1873 Ex. 18: 13—27	6 40	5 46	1 31

9 Sexagesima Sunday Luke 8: 4-15; 2 Cor. 11: 19-12: 9

S	27		Schmalkald Articles	1531 Is. 41: 8—16	6 38	5 47	2 41
M	28		Berlin Mission Society org.	1824 Acts 7: 1—14	6 37	5 49	3 41
T	29		Patrick Hamilton †	1528 Acts 7: 15—30	6 36	5 50	4 29

MOON'S PHASES

New Moon, 3rd, 10:06 A. M. Full Moon, 18th, 8:29 P. M.
First Quarter, 10th, 4:20 P. M. Last Quarter, 26th, 3:24 A. M.

"For we have not a highpriest that cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but one that hath been in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin," Heb. 4: 15.

Week	Days	March 1916		Sun rises	Sun sets	Moon rises and sets
	Month	MEMORABLE DAYS		H. M.	H. M.	H. M.
W	1	Moravian Church estab.	1457	Acts 7: 31—41	6 35 5 51	5 07
T	2	John Wesley †	1791	Acts 7: 42—50	6 33 5 52	5 36
F	3	Peace Treaty, Paris	1871	Acts 7: 51—8: 3	6 31 5 53	6 04
S	4	Bible Society in Rome org.	1872	2 Tim. 4: 1—8	6 30 5 54	sets

10 Quinquagesima Sunday Luke 18: 31-43; 1 Cor. 13

S	5	Ostrogothic Kingdom of Italy	493	Ps. 91: 1—12	6 28 5 55	8 01
M	6	F. W. v. Bodelschwingh	1831	Heb. 11: 1—16	6 26 5 56	9 11
T	7	<i>Shrove Tuesday</i>		Heb. 11: 17—31	6 25 5 57	10 18
W	8	<i>Ash Wednesday</i>		Heb. 11: 32-12: 2	6 22 5 58	11 35
T	9	Ger. Ev. Miss. Society org.	1865	Matth. 10: 34—42	6 21 5 59	morn
F	10	Benjamin West †	1820	1 Peter 4: 12—19	6 20 6 00	27
S	11	Salzburgers arrive	1734	Jude 17—25	6 18 6 02	1 26

11 Invocavit, First Sunday in Lent Matt. 4: 1-11; 2 Cor. 6: 1-10

S	12	Henry Bergh †	1888	Heb. 3	6 16 6 03	2 18
M	13	Alaska purchased	1867	Acts 8: 4—13	6 14 6 04	3 09
T	14	Johann Semler †	1791	Acts 8: 14—25	6 13 6 05	3 41
W	15	Thomas Cramner †	1556	Acts 8: 26—40	6 11 6 06	4 12
T	16	Wilhelm Baur	1826	Jonah 1: 1—10	6 09 6 07	4 38
F	17	Georg Neumark †	1621	Isa. 19: 18—25	6 07 6 09	5 06
S	18	Alexander	251	Isa. 60: 1—9	6 06 6 10	5 25

Church Extension Board Offering

12 Reminiscere, Second Sunday in Lent 15: 21-28; 1 Thess. 4: 1-7

S	19	David Livingstone	1813	Eph. 2: 11—22	6 04 6 11	rises
M	20	Johann E. Gossner †	1858	Acts 1: 1—14	6 02 6 12	7 39
T	21	Johann Sebastian Bach	1685	Acts 2: 20-24, 29-41	6 01 6 13	8 51
W	22	Wolfgang v. Goethe †	1832	Acts 3: 1—12	6 00 6 14	9 57
T	23	Jonathan Edwards †	1758	Acts 4: 32—5: 5	5 59 6 15	11 21
F	24	Henry W. Longfellow †	1882	Acts 6: 1—7	5 57 6 17	morn
S	25	Slave trade abol. in Engl.	1807	Acts 7: 54—8: 3	5 55 6 18	32

13 Oculi, Third Sunday in Lent Luke 11: 14-28; Eph. 5: 1-9

S	26	Ludwig van Beethoven †	1827	Acts 8: 26—40	5 53 6 19	1 34
M	27	Hermann Th. Wangemann	1818	Acts 9: 1—9	5 52 6 20	2 27
T	28	Johann Amos Comenius	1592	Acts 9: 10—19	5 50 6 21	3 07
W	29	Charles Wesley †	1788	Acts 9: 20—31	5 48 6 22	3 38
T	30	Friedrich August Tholuck	1799	1 Tim. 1: 12—17	5 46 6 23	4 04
F	31	Japan opened	1854	Gal. 1: 11—17	5 45 6 24	4 30

MOON'S PHASES

New Moon, 3rd, 9:58 P. M. Full Moon, 18th, 11:27 A. M.
First Quarter, 11th 0:33 P. M. Last Quarter, 26th, 10:22 A. M.

"But if the Spirit of Him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwelleth in you, He that raised up Christ Jesus from the dead shall give life also to your mortal bodies thru His Spirit that dwelleth in you," Rom. 8: 11.

Week	Month	April 1916		Sun rises	Sun sets	Moon rises and sets
		MEMORABLE DAYS	Bible Readings			
S	1	Dr. Wm. Harvey	1578 John 3: 1-13	5 43	6 25	4 53
14 Laetare, Fourth Sunday in Lent John 6: 1-15; Gal. 4: 21-31						
S	2	Thomas Jefferson	1743 2 Cor. 5: 14-21	5 41	6 27	5 15
M	3	Reginald Heber †	1826 Acts 9: 32-43	5 40	6 28	sets
T	4	Ambrose†	397 Prov. 31: 10-20	5 38	6 29	9 05
W	5	Robert Raikes †	1811 Prov. 31: 21-31	5 36	6 30	10 12
T	6	Rafael †	1520 Jno. 5: 2-9	5 35	6 31	11 13
F	7	Johann Hinrich Wichern †	1881 Matth. 15: 21-31	5 33	6 32	morn
S	8	M. Chemnitz †	1586 1 Kings 17: 8-16	5 31	6 33	08
15 Judica, Fifth Sunday in Lent Joh. 8: 46-59; Hebr. 9: 11-15						
S	9	Lee's Surrender	1865 Tit. 2: 1-14	5 30	6 34	56
M	10	William Booth	1829 Acts 10: 1-16	5 28	6 36	1 37
T	11	David Zeisberger	1720 Acts 10: 17-23	5 26	6 37	2 10
W	12	Adoniram Judson †	1850 Lev. 11: 1-12	5 25	6 38	2 39
T	13	Edict of Nantes	1598 Dan. 7: 9-14	5 23	6 39	3 04
F	14	Horace Bushnell	1802 Mic. 4: 1-5	5 21	6 40	3 26
S	15	Albert Duerer †	1528 Rom. 10: 11-21	5 20	6 41	3 48
16 Palm Sunday Matt. 21: 1-9; Phil. 2: 5-11						
S	16	Peter Waldus †	1197 Rev. 21: 1-7	5 18	6 42	4 09
M	17	Luther in Worms	1521 1 Cor. 15: 1-11	5 16	6 43	4 33
T	18	Germantown slavery protest	1688 1 Cor. 15: 12-28	5 15	6 44	rises
W	19	Battle of Lexington	1775 Luke 24: 13-24	5 13	6 46	9 06
T	20	Maundy Thursday	Luke 24: 25-35	5 12	6 47	10 21
F	21	Good Friday	John 19: 1-42	5 10	6 48	11 27
S	22	Origen †	251 1 Thess. 4: 13-18	5 09	6 49	morn
17 Easter Sunday Mark 16: 1-8; 1 Cor. 15: 50-58						
S	23	William Shakespeare †	1616 Jonah 4: 1-11	5 07	6 50	24
M	24	Second Easter Day	Luke 24: 13-35	5 06	6 51	1 07
T	25	Oliver Cromwell	1599 Acts 12: 11-19	5 04	6 52	1 40
W	26	Alexander Duff	1806 Psalm 46	5 03	6 53	2 09
T	27	Otto Catelin †	1554 Psalm 121	5 01	6 55	2 34
F	28	Friedrich Myconius †	1546 Psalm 97	5 00	6 56	2 56
S	29	Rev. Wilhelm Binner	1805 2 Kings 6: 8-18	4 58	6 57	3 18
18 Quasimodogeniti Sunday John 20: 19-31; 1 John 5: 4-10						
S	30	Washington inaugurated	1789 1 Kings 17: 1-7	4 57	6 58	3 42

MOON'S PHASES

New Moon, 2nd, 10:21 A. M. Full Moon, 17th, 11:07 P. M.
First Quarter, 10th, 8:36 A. M. Last Quarter, 24th, 4:38 P. M.

"For, lo, the winter is past; the rain is over and gone; the flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle dove is heard in our land," Cant. 2: 11, 12.

Week	Days Month	May 1916		Sun rises	Sun sets	Moon rises and sets
		MEMORABLE DAYS	Bible Readings	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.
M	1	Battle of Manila	1898 Acts 11: 19—30	4 56	7 00	4 06
T	2	Athanasius †	373 Acts 12: 25-13: 12	4 54	7 01	sets
W	3	Monica †	388 Matth. 28: 16—20	4 53	7 02	9 00
T	4	Alexander Vinet †	1847 Is. 6: 1—8	4 52	7 03	9 58
F	5	Napoleon Bonaparte †	1821 2 Kings 17: 24—29	4 51	7 04	10 50
S	6	Alexander von Humboldt †	1859 Jonah 3: 1—10	4 49	7 05	11 32

19 Misericordias Domini Sunday John 10: 12-16; 1 Pet. 2: 21-25

S	7	Pacific Railway completed	1869 Rom. 10: 1—10	4 48	7 06	morn
M	8	American Bible Society	1816 Acts 13: 13—24	4 47	7 07	09
T	9	Nicolaus Zinzendorf †	1760 Acts 13: 25—39	4 46	7 08	38
W	10	London Rel. Tract Society	1799 Acts 13: 40—52	4 44	7 09	1 06
T	11	Johann Arndt †	1621 Is. 55: 1—7	4 43	7 10	1 28
F	12	Samuel Marsden †	1838 Is. 12: 1—6	4 42	7 11	1 49
S	13	Jamestown founded	1607 Jno. 17: 18—26	4 41	7 12	2 11

20 Jubilate Sunday John 16: 16-23; 1 Pet. 2: 11-20

S	14	Gabriel Fahrenheit	1567 Luke 15: 11—24	4 40	7 13	2 33
M	15	Kaspar Olevianus †	1587 Acts 14: 1—7	4 39	7 14	2 58
T	16	Vitringa	1659 Acts 14: 8—20	4 38	7 15	3 28
W	17	Joachim of Fiore †	1201 Acts 14: 21—28	4 37	7 16	rises
T	18	American Baptist Miss. Soc.	1814 Mark 2: 1—12	4 36	7 17	9 12
F	19	India Mission assumed	1884 Mark 3: 20—30	4 35	7 18	10 14
S	20	John Eliot †	1690 Ps. 50: 7—15	4 34	7 19	11 03

21 Cantate Sunday John 16: 5-15; James 1: 17-21

S	21	Elizabeth Fry	1780 Rom. 1: 18—25	4 33	7 20	11 41
M	22	Nathaniel Hawthorne †	1864 Acts 15: 1—11	4 32	7 21	morn
T	23	Girolamo Savonarola †	1498 Acts 15: 12—21	4 31	7 22	12
W	24	John G. Paton	1824 Acts 15: 22—35	4 31	7 23	38
T	25	Augustine of Canterbury †	632 Gal. 5: 1—6	4 30	7 24	1 00
F	26	Bede †	735 Mark 7: 1—8	4 29	7 25	1 23
S	27	Dante Aleghieri	1265 Gal. 3: 1—9	4 29	7 26	1 35

22 Rogate Sunday John 16: 23-30; James 1: 22-27

S	28	Noah Webster †	1843 Rom. 3: 21—31	4 28	7 27	2 10
M	29	Turks storm Constantinople	1453 Acts 15: 36-16: 5	4 27	7 28	2 38
T	30	Memorial Day	Acts 16: 6—15	4 27	7 28	3 13
W	31	Josef Haydn †	1809 Neh. 2: 1—8	4 26	7 29	3 51

MOON'S PHASES

New Moon, 2nd, 11:29 P. M. Full Moon, 17th, 8:11 A. M.
First Quarter, 10th, 2:47 A. M. Last Quarter, 23rd, 11:16 P. M.
New Moon, 31st, 1:37 P. M.

"Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: yet I say unto you, that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these," Matt. 6: 28, 29.

Days		June 1916		Sun	Sun ⁿ	Moon		
Week	Month			rises	sets	rises	and sets	
		MEMORABLE DAYS		Bible Readings		H. M.	H. M.	H. M.
T	1	Ascension Day		Mark 16: 14—20		4 25	7 30	sets
F	2	Robert Browne †		1631	Matth. 10: 1—15	4 25	7 30	9 30
S	3	Frances Havergal †		1879	2 Tim. 2: 20—26	4 25	7 31	10 07
23 Exaudi Sunday				John 15: 26-16: 4; 1 Pet. 4: 8-11				
S	4	First Bible printed in Am.		1743	2 Cor. 4: 7—18	4 24	7 32	10 41
M	5	Boniface †		755	Gal. 6: 1—18	4 24	7 32	11 07
T	6	First Y. M. C. A. established		1844	Matth. 13: 24—30	4 24	7 33	11 21
W	7	Paul Gerhardt †		1676	Eccl. 11: 1—8	4 23	7 33	11 52
T	8	August Hermann Francke †		1727	Psalms 126	4 23	7 34	morn
F	9	William Carey †		1834	1 Tim. 4: 6—16	4 23	7 35	13
S	10	New Amsterdam founded		1614	Rom. 14: 13—23	4 23	7 36	33
24 Pentecost Sunday				John 14: 23-31; Acts. 2: 1-13				
S	11	Roger Bacon †		1294	Rom. 2: 1—11	4 22	7 36	57
M	12	William Cullen Bryant †		1878	Acts 16: 16—24	4 22	7 37	1 24
T	13	Luther marries		1525	Acts 16: 25—40	4 22	7 37	1 57
W	14	Flag Day		(1777)	2 Cor. 5: 20—6: 10	4 22	7 38	2 41
T	15	Magna Charta		1215	Gen. 41: 1—13	4 22	7 38	rises
F	16	Unitas Fratrum		1722	Gen. 41: 25—40	4 22	7 38	8 53
S	17	Bunker Hill		1775	Phil. 2: 1—11	4 22	7 39	9 38
25 Trinity Sunday				John 3: 1-15; Rom. 11: 33-36				
S	18	Albert Knapp †		1864	Phil. 2: 12—18	4 22	7 39	10 22
M	19	Chas. Hodge †		1878	Phil. 1: 11; 4: 1-9	4 22	7 39	10 40
T	20	Basel Mission Institute		1820	Acts 9: 1-11, 17-19	4 23	7 40	11 05
W	21	J. G. Hamann †		1788	Acts 10: 1—16	4 23	7 40	11 28
T	22	Lieut. Adolph. Greely found		1884	Acts 12: 1—11	4 23	7 40	11 51
F	23	Elmhurst College dedicated		1873	Acts 13: 13-15, 42-52	4 23	7 40	morn
S	24	John Cabot disc. Labrador		1497	Acts 15: 22—33	4 23	7 40	15
26 First Sunday after Trin.				Luke 16: 19-31; 1 John 4: 16-21				
S	25	Augustana presented		1530	Acts 16: 19—34	4 24	7 41	41
M	26	Julian Apostate †		363	Acts 17: 1—15	4 24	7 41	1 13
T	27	Joseph Smith (Nauvoo) †		1844	1 Thess. 2: 1—12	4 24	7 41	1 51
W	28	Irenaeus †		202	1 Thess. 3: 1—10	4 25	7 40	2 34
T	29	American Board C. F. M.		1810	Jno. 5: 30—40	4 25	7 40	3 24
F	30	Raymond Lully †		1315	Neh. 8: 5—12	4 26	7 40	sets

MOON'S PHASES

First Quarter, 8th, 5:59 P. M. Last Quarter, 22nd, 7:16 A. M.
Full Moon, 15th, 3:42 P. M. New Moon, 30th, 4:43 A. M.

"The seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ; and He shall reign for ever and ever," Rev. 11: 15.

Week	Days Month	July 1916		Sun rises H. M.	Sun sets H. M.	Moon rises and sets H. M.
		MEMORABLE DAYS	Bible Readings			
S	1	First World's S. S. Conv. 1889	Ps. 119: 33-48	4 26	7 40	8 42
27 Second Sunday after Trin. Luke 14: 16-24; 1 John 3: 13-18						
S	2	Emmaus Asylum opened 1893	2 Tim. 3: 10-17	4 27	7 40	9 11
M	3	Hans Egede lands in Greenl. 1721	1 Thess. 1: 1-10	4 28	7 40	9 35
T	4	<i>Independence Day</i> 1776	1 Thess. 2: 13-20	4 28	7 40	9 57
W	5	Sir John Oldcastle 1360	1 Thess. 4: 9-18	4 29	7 39	10 13
T	6	Johann Hus † 1415	Phil. 3: 1-12	4 29	7 39	10 38
F	7	Hawaii annexed 1899	2 Thess. 3: 6-15	4 30	7 39	11 08
S	8	Kilian † 689	2 Thess. 2: 1-12	4 30	7 38	11 24
28 Third Sunday after Trinity Luke 15: 1-10; 1 Pet. 5: 6-11						
S	9	Braddock defeated 1755	Luke 19: 11-26	4 31	7 38	11 56
M	10	William of Orange 1584	Acts 17: 16-21	4 32	7 38	morn
T	11	Burn. of widows proh., India 1832	Acts 17: 22-34	4 33	7 37	31
W	12	Charles Kingsley 1819	Ex. 3: 11-15	4 33	7 37	1 19
T	13	Treaty of Berlin 1878	Is. 44: 6-20	4 34	7 36	2 21
F	14	Storming of the Bastile 1789	Heb. 1: 1-9	4 35	7 36	rises
S	15	Jerusalem taken 1099	Col. 3: 1-11	4 36	7 35	8 09
29 Fourth Sunday after Trinity Luke 6: 36-42; Rom. 8: 18-23						
S	16	Anna Askew † 1546	Eph. 3: 1-13	4 37	7 34	8 50
M	17	Chr. F. Schwartz in India 1750	Acts 18: 1-11	4 37	7 34	9 07
T	18	Infallibility of pope 1870	Acts 18: 12-22	4 38	7 33	9 30
W	19	Missionaries Tanner and Jost 1885	1 Cor. 1: 10-17	4 39	7 32	9 54
T	20	Armada defeated 1588	1 Cor. 3: 1-14	4 40	7 31	10 18
F	21	Friedrich Froebel † 1852	1 Cor. 6: 1-8	4 41	7 30	10 44
S	22	Battle of Tours 732	1 Cor. 9: 16-27	4 42	7 30	11 15
30 Fifth Sunday after Trinity Luke 5: 1-11; 1 Pet. 3: 8-15						
S	23	Methodist Society founded 1740	2 Cor. 7: 2-12	4 43	7 29	11 49
M	24	Thos. à Kempis † 1471	1 Cor. 1: 1-9	4 44	7 28	morn
T	25	Prof. A. Irion † 1870	1 Cor. 1: 18-2: 2	4 45	7 27	32
W	26	Robert Fulton 1765	Is. 53: 1-12	4 46	7 26	1 20
T	27	Atlantic Cable laid 1866	Jno. 12: 24-36	4 47	7 25	2 15
F	28	Fourteenth Amendment 1868	Luke 10: 17-24	4 48	7 24	3 14
S	29	William Wilberforce † 1833	Eph. 2: 1-10	4 49	7 23	4 16
31 Sixth Sunday after Trinity Matth. 5: 20-26; Rom. 6: 3-11						
S	30	William Penn † 1718	Eph. 2: 11-22	4 50	7 22	sets
M	31	Ignatius of Loyola † 1556	1 Cor. 13: 1-13	4 51	7 21	8 03

MOON'S PHASES

First Quarter, 8th, 5:55 A. M. Last Quarter, 21st, 5:33 P. M.
Full Moon, 14th, 10:40 P. M. New Moon, 29th, 8:15 P. M.

"The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till it was all leavened," Matt. 13: 33.

Week	Days	August 1916		Sun rises	Sun sets	Moon rises and sets
		MEMORABLE DAYS	Bible Readings	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.
T	1	Robert Morrison †	1834 Rom. 13: 8—14	4 52	7 20	8 23
W	2	Martyrs under Nero	64 Matth. 22: 34—40	4 53	7 18	8 33
T	3	Victoria Nyanza discovered	1858 1 Cor. 8: 1—13	4 54	7 17	9 06
F	4	Hans Andersen †	1875 1 Jno. 2: 7—17	4 55	7 16	9 29
S	5	Gen. Philip Sheridan †	1888 1 Jno. 4: 7—21	4 56	7 15	9 54

32 Seventh Sunday after Trin. Matth. 9: 35-38; Rom. 6: 19-23

S	6	Ben Johnson †	1637 1 Pet 4: 1—11	4 57	7 14	10 27
M	7	Henry IV. †	1106 2 Cor. 9: 1—15	4 58	7 12	11 10
T	8	Norwegian Mission Society	1842 Phil. 4: 10—20	4 59	7 11	morn
W	9	Robert Moffatt †	1883 Matth. 25: 31—40	5 01	7 10	03
T	10	Jerusalem destroyed	70 Jas. 2: 1—9	5 02	7 08	1 10
F	11	Japan abolishes paganism	1884 Luke 6: 27—38	5 03	7 07	2 27
S	12	James Russell Lowell †	1891 1 Jno. 3: 13—21	5 04	7 06	3 48

33 Eighth Sunday after Trin. Matth. 7: 13-23; Rom. 8: 12-17

S	13	Jeremiah Taylor †	1657 Matth. 7: 6—12	5 05	7 04	rises
M	14	New Cologne Cathedral	1880 Acts 19: 1—7	5 06	7 03	7 31
T	15	Eusebius †	303 Acts 19: 8—20	5 07	7 01	7 55
W	16	Leipsic Mission Society	1819 Acts 19: 23—29	5 08	7 00	8 20
T	17	Frederick the Great †	1786 Acts 19: 30—41	5 10	6 58	8 46
F	18	Ole Bull †	1880 1 Tim. 6: 3—10	5 11	6 57	9 16
S	19	Evangelical Alliance	1846 Eph. 1: 1—14	5 12	6 55	9 50

34 Ninth Sunday after Trinity Luke 16: 1-12; 1 Cor. 10: 6-13

S	20	Rev. Joseph Rieger †	1869 Eph. 6: 10—20	5 13	6 54	10 29
M	21	Moravian Missions begun	1732 Acts 20: 1—6	5 14	6 52	11 16
T	22	Santa Fe taken	1846 Acts 20: 7—15	5 15	6 51	morn
W	23	Increase Mather †	1723 Acts 20: 16—27	5 16	6 49	08
T	24	St. Bartholomew Massacre	1572 Acts 20: 28—38	5 17	6 48	1 05
F	25	Council of Nicea	325 Eph. 3: 14—21	5 18	6 46	2 04
S	26	First Luth. Conf. in Am.	1748 Eph. 4: 17—32	5 19	6 44	3 07

35 Tenth Sunday after Trin. Luke 19: 41-48; 1 Cor. 12: 1-11

S	27	Hugo Grotius †	1645 2 Tim. 4: 6-8, 14-18	5 20	6 43	4 09
M	28	St. Augustine †	430 2 Cor. 11: 21—33	5 21	6 41	5 12
T	29	Ulrich v. Hutten †	1523 2 Cor. 12: 1—10	5 22	6 39	sets
W	30	Mel. College taken over	1871 Ps. 34: 1—10	5 23	6 38	7 11
T	31	John Bunyan †	1688 Ps. 34: 11—22	5 23	6 36	7 36

MOON'S PHASES

First Quarter, 6th, 3:06 P. M. Last Quarter, 20th, 6:53 A. M.
Full Moon, 13th, 6:00 A. M. New Moon, 28th, 11:25 A. M.

"And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also must I bring, and they shall hear my voice, and they shall become one flock, one Shepherd," John 10: 16.

Week	Days Month	September 1916		Sun rises	Sun sets	Moon rises and sets
		MEMORABLE DAYS	Bible Readings	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.
F	1	Calvin returns to Geneva 1541	Jno. 15: 1-14	5 24	6 35	7 59
S	2	H. Lufft† printer 1st Ger. Bible 1584	Jno. 15: 15-27	5 26	6 33	8 31

36 Eleventh Sunday after Trin. Luke 18: 9-14; 1 Cor. 15: 1-10

S	3	Oliver Cromwell † 1658	Rev. 2: 8-17	5 27	6 31	9 09
M	4	Labor Day	Acts 21: 1-14	5 28	6 29	9 56
T	5	Continental Cong., Phila. 1774	Acts 21: 15-26	5 29	6 28	10 57
W	6	Matthias Waibel † 1525	Acts 21: 27-40	5 30	6 26	morn
T	7	Hannah More † 1833	Jer. 26: 20-24	5 31	6 24	08
F	8	Barmen Mission Society 1818	Ps. 37: 1-13	5 32	6 22	1 23
S	9	Giovanni Pasquali † 1560	Ps. 37: 14-28	5 33	6 21	2 44

37 Twelfth Sunday after Trinity Mark. 7: 31-37; 2 Cor. 3: 4-9

S	10	Perry defeats the British 1813	Ps. 37: 29-40	5 34	6 19	4 01
M	11	Battle of the Brandywine 1777	Acts 22: 1-16	5 35	6 17	rises
T	12	Francis Guizot † 1874	Acts 22: 17-29	5 36	6 15	6 21
W	13	Bat. on Plains of Abraham 1759	Matth. 26: 69-75	5 37	6 14	6 46
T	14	James Fenimore Cooper † 1851	Acts 4: 5-12	5 38	6 12	7 14
F	15	Ev. Mission Society, Basel 1815	Dan. 6: 4-10	5 39	6 11	7 47
S	16	Mt. Ceniz Tunnel 1871	Dan. 6: 16-23	5 40	6 08	8 26

38 Thirteenth Sunday after Trin. Luke 10: 23-37; Rom. 3: 21-28

S	17	Boston founded 1630	Matth. 10: 24-33	5 41	6 07	9 10
M	18	Fugitive Slave Bill 1850	Acts 17: 1-15	5 43	6 05	10 01
T	19	Dr. Thomas J. Barnardo † 1905	Acts 17: 22-34	5 44	6 03	10 56
W	20	Temp. sov. of Pope ends 1870	1 Cor. 1: 18-2: 2	5 45	6 01	11 56
T	21	Sir Walter Scott † 1832	2 Cor. 9	5 46	6 00	morn
F	22	London Mission Society 1795	Acts 20: 16-27	5 47	5 58	57
S	23	Rhenish Mission Society 1828	Acts 21: 27-40	5 48	5 56	1 59

39 Fourteenth Sunday after Trin. Luke 17: 11-19; Gal. 5: 16-24

S	24	Evangelical Day, Chicago 1893	2 Cor. 4: 1-5: 4	5 49	5 54	3 00
M	25	Balboa discovered Pacific 1513	Acts 23: 1-13	5 50	5 53	4 05
T	26	Peace of Augsburg 1555	Acts 23: 14-24	5 51	5 51	4 07
W	27	Prussian Union 1817	Isa. 7: 1-9	5 52	5 49	sets
T	28	Ger. Prot. Orph. Home, St. L. 1858	Matth. 10: 16-23	5 53	5 47	6 06
F	29	"Ger. Ev. Syn. of N. A." adop. 1877	Gen. 45: 1-15	5 54	5 46	6 32
S	30	George Whitfield † 1770	Psalm 3	5 56	5 44	7 20

MOON'S PHASES

First Quarter, 4th, 10:26 P. M. Last Quarter, 18th, 11:35 P. M.
Full Moon, 11th, 2:31 P. M. New Moon, 27th, 1:34 A. M.

"Yet a little while is the light with you. Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you; for he that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth," John 12: 35.

Days		October 1916		MEMORABLE DAYS		Bible Readings		Sun	Sun	Moon
Week	Month							rises	sets	rises and sets
								H. M.	H. M.	H. M.
40 Fifteenth Sunday after Trin. Matth. 6:24-34; Gal. 5:25-6:10										
S	1	Marburg Conference	1529	Psalm 4	5 57	5 42	7 55			
M	2	Johann Gutenberg †	1468	Acts 23: 25-35	5 58	5 40	8 51			
T	3	George Bancroft	1800	Acts 24: 1-9	6 59	5 39	9 57			
W	4	Theodor Fliedner †	1864	Acts 24: 10-21	6 00	5 37	11 10			
T	5	Liberia a Republic	1847	Acts 24: 22-27	6 01	5 35	morn			
F	6	Franz Daniel Pastorius arr.	1683	Matth. 26: 57-68	6 02	5 33	27			
S	7	Henry M. Muehlenberg †	1787	Matth. 27: 11-18	6 03	5 32	1 43			
41 Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity Luke 7:11-17; Eph. 3:13-21										
S	8	Rembrandt van Rijn	1669	Matth. 27: 19-26	6 04	5 30	2 58			
M	9	David Brainerd †	1747	Acts 25: 1-12	6 06	5 28	4 10			
T	10	Schwabach Conference	1529	Acts 25: 13-22	6 07	5 27	5 23			
W	11	Ulric Zwingli †	1531	Acts 25: 23-27	6 08	5 25	rises			
T	12	America discovered	1492	Is. 44: 1-8	6 09	5 23	5 43			
F	13	Kaiserswerth Deac. Home	1836	Psalm 42	6 10	5 22	6 24			
S	14	Battle of Hastings	1066	Matth. 24: 45-51	6 11	5 20	7 02			
42 Seventeenth Sunday after Trin. Luke. 14: 1-11; Eph. 4: 1-6										
S	15	Ger. Ev. Ch. Ass'n. of West	1840	2 Cor. 5: 1-10	6 13	5 19	7 52			
M	16	John Brown, Harper's Ferry	1859	Acts 26: 1-9	6 14	5 17	8 47			
T	17	Andreas Osiander †	1552	Acts 26: 10-18	6 15	5 15	9 45			
W	18	Edict of Nantes revoked	1685	Acts 26: 19-32	6 16	5 14	10 40			
T	19	Surrender at Yorktown	1781	Jno. 1: 19-23	6 17	5 13	11 47			
F	20	Philip Schaff †	1893	Jno. 1: 29-34	6 18	5 11	morn			
S	21	Battle of Trafalgar	1805	Jno. 1: 35-42	6 20	5 09	48			
43 Eighteenth Sunday after Trin. Matth. 22:34-46; 1 Cor. 1: 4-9										
S	22	Karl Martell †	741	1 Jno. 1: 5-2: 6	6 21	5 08	1 50			
M	23	William Penn lands in Am.	1682	Acts 27: 1-13	6 22	5 06	2 53			
T	24	Rev. Oscar Lohr to India	1867	Acts 27: 14-26	6 23	5 05	3 57			
W	25	Karl F. W. Walther	1811	Acts 27: 27-37	6 24	5 03	5 05			
T	26	Barmen Mission Institute	1832	1 Kings 19: 1-8	6 26	5 02	6 14			
F	27	Michael Servetus burned	1553	1 Kings 19: 9-14	6 27	5 01	sets			
S	28	Eden Theol. Sem. dedicated	1883	1 Kings 19: 15-21	6 28	4 59	5 52			
Reformation Day Offering for Eden Theological Seminary										
44 Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity Matth. 9:1-8; Eph. 4:22-32										
S	29	Alfred the Great †	900	Gen. 12: 1-9	6 29	4 57	6 45			
M	30	Hiram Bingham	1789	Acts 27: 38-44	6 31	4 56	7 48			
T	31	Luther's ninety-five Theses	1517	Acts 28: 1-10	6 32	4 55	9 02			

MOON'S PHASES

First Quarter, 4th, 5:00 A. M. Last Quarter, 18th, 7:09 A. M.
Full Moon, 11th, 1:01 A. M. New Moon, 26th, 2:37 P. M.

"It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto Thy name, O most high; to show forth Thy lovingkindness in the morning, and Thy faithfulness every night," Psa. 92: 1.

Week	Days	November 1916		Sun rises	Sun sets	Moon rises and sets
		MEMORABLE DAYS	Bible Readings	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.
W	1	First M. E. General Conf.	1792 Jonah 2: 2-9	6 33	4 54	10 18
T	2	Jenny Lind †	1887 Ps. 18: 6-20	6 34	4 53	11 33
F	3	Stanley finds Livingstone	1871 Ps. 22: 1-10	6 36	4 51	morn
S	4	Mendelssohn-Bartholdy †	1847 Ps. 22: 11-21	6 37	4 50	46

45 Twentieth Sunday after Trin. Matth. 22: 1-14; Eph. 5: 15-21

S	5	Ludwig Harms †	1865 Ps. 22: 22-31	6 38	4 49	1 58
M	6	Gustavus Adolphus †	1632 Rom. 14: 13-15: 3	6 39	4 48	3 09
T	7	Willibrord †	739 Is. 58: 6-12	6 41	4 47	4 18
W	8	John Milton †	1674 Matth. 5: 38-48	6 42	4 45	5 29
T	9	Emil Frommel †	1896 Luke 10: 25-37	6 43	4 44	6 37
F	10	Count v. d. R. Volmarstein †	1878 2 Cor. 6: 14-18	6 44	4 43	rises
S	11	Joh. Friedrich v. Schiller	1759 Jas. 1: 12-18	6 46	4 42	5 44

46 Twenty-first Sunday after Trin. John 4: 47-54; Eph. 6: 10-17

S	12	Theodore Passavant †	1864 Psalm 141	6 47	4 41	6 36
M	13	Stephen Gardiner †	1555 Acts 28: 11-22	6 48	4 40	7 34
T	14	Jean Paul †	1825 Acts 28: 23-31	6 49	4 39	8 33
W	15	Johann Kepler †	1630 Gen. 39: 19-23	6 51	4 39	9 33
T	16	Suez Canal opened	1869 Phil. 1: 12-21	6 52	4 38	10 35
F	17	David Zeisberger †	1808 2 Tim. 1: 7-18	6 53	4 37	11 35
S	18	Ludwig Hofacker	1828 2 Tim. 2: 1-13	6 54	4 36	morn

47 Twenty-second Sun. after Trin. Matth. 18: 21-35; Phil. 1: 3-11

S	19	Johann M. Boltzius †	1765 2 Tim. 4: 9-18	6 56	4 35	37
M	20	John Williams †	1839 Rom. 12: 1-8	6 57	4 34	1 39
T	21	Voltaire (Jean M. Arouet)	1694 Rom. 12: 9-21	6 58	4 34	2 45
W	22	Cecilia	232 Mic. 6: 1-8	6 59	4 33	3 53
T	23	Clement of Rome †	101 Is. 1: 10-17	7 00	4 32	5 06
F	24	John Knox †	1572 Jer. 31: 31-37	7 02	4 32	6 18
S	25	Isaac Watts †	1748 Hos. 6: 1-6	7 03	4 31	sets

Memorial Sunday Offering for Ministerial Relief

48 Twenty-third Sun. after Trin. Matth. 22: 15-22; Phil. 3: 17-21

S	26	Wm. Cowper	1731 Matth. 5: 1-12	7 04	4 31	5 36
M	27	Jakob Boehme †	1624 Rev. 1: 1-8	7 06	4 30	6 47
T	28	Thanksgiving Day	Rev. 1: 9-20	7 06	4 30	8 06
W	29	Horace Greeley †	1870 Rev. 4: 1-11	7 07	4 30	9 22
T	30	Mark Twain (Sam. Clemens)	1835 Rev. 5: 1-6	7 08	4 29	10 37

MOON'S PHASES

First Quarter, 2nd, 11:51 A. M. Last Quarter, 17th, 4:00 P. M.
Full Moon, 9th, 2:18 P. M. New Moon, 25th, 2:50 A. M.

"And the word became flesh, and dwelt among us and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the father, full of grace and truth," John 1: 14.

Week	Days Month	December 1916		Sun rises	Sun sets	Moon rises and sets
		MEMORABLE DAYS	Bible Readings	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.
F	1	Abraham a Santa Clara †	1709 Rev. 5: 7—14	7 10	4 29	11 50
S	2	New Testament in Japanese	1879 Rev. 7: 9—17	7 11	4 29	morn
49 First Sunday in Advent Matth. 21: 1—9; Rom. 13: 11—14						
S	3	Countess Schwarzb. Rudolst.	1706 Rev. 19: 1—10	7 12	4 28	1 01
M	4	Westminster Standards	1646 Rev. 2: 1—11	7 13	4 28	2 09
T	5	Wolfgang A. Mozart †	1791 Rev. 2: 12—17	7 14	4 28	3 19
W	6	First Convert in Australia	1863 Rev. 3: 1—6	7 15	4 28	4 26
T	7	Konstantin Tischendorf †	1874 Rev. 3: 7—13	7 16	4 28	5 32
F	8	Vatican Council	1869 Rev. 3: 14—22	7 17	4 28	6 35
S	9	Sir Anthony Van Dyck †	1641 Psalm 125	7 17	4 28	rises
50 Second Sunday in Advent Luke 21: 25—36; Rom. 15: 4—13						
S	10	Treaty of Paris	1898 Psalm 130	7 18	4 28	5 23
M	11	Max Schenkendorf †	1817 Rev. 21: 1—14	7 19	4 28	6 22
T	12	Albrecht von Haller †	1777 Rev. 21: 22—27	7 20	4 28	7 23
W	13	Phillips Brooks	1835 Rev. 22: 1—5	7 21	4 28	8 22
T	14	First Wireless across Atl.	1901 Is. 60: 10—22	7 22	4 28	9 24
F	15	Isaak Walton †	1683 Is. 62: 1—12	7 22	4 29	10 24
S	16	Boston Tea Party	1773 Is. 65: 17—25	7 23	4 29	11 27
51 Third Sunday in Advent Matth. 11: 2—10; 1 Cor. 4: 1—5						
S	17	John Greenleaf Whittier	1807 Rev. 20: 11—15	7 24	4 29	morn
M	18	Thirteenth Amendment	1865 Is. 9: 2—7	7 24	4 29	27
T	19	Bayard Taylor †	1878 Heb. 2: 1—8	7 25	4 30	1 32
W	20	Catharine Luther †	1552 Heb. 2: 9—18	7 26	4 30	2 41
T	21	Pilgrims land	1620 Jno. 1: 1—18	7 26	4 31	3 51
F	22	Dwight L. Moody †	1899 Luke 2: 41—51	7 26	4 31	5 06
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52 Fourth Sunday in Advent John 1: 19—28; Phil. 4: 4—7						
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MOON'S PHASES

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The Evangelical Church at Work

Being a Brief Resume of the Reports of the General Officers and Boards to the District Conferences, 1915.

The Report of the President General

The President General: Pastor John Baltzer, 2506 Benton St., St. Louis.

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"In diligence, not slothful; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord (the opportunity)," Rom. 12:11.

With these words of the great Apostle I greet you, fathers and brethren, pastors and laymen, and submit to you the reports of your officers and boards.

The times in which we live are indeed serious, and we may rightly say, the days are evil. Future generations will hardly speak of them as the "good old days". Tho we are less concerned with the political situation in Christian lands in general and in our own country in particular, we cannot ignore it, but must consider it as casting a dark shadow upon the Church. Europe is being torn asunder by the most terrible war of history. Asia and Africa are affected in a manner that makes it impossible to say where the world conflagration will end. The path of our own government is beset with difficulties. The diplomatic discussions of problems of great importance follow each other in rapid succession. Natural sympathies and those artificially created easily lead to blind partisanship. Our people are bound to all Europe by ties of blood relationship, especially to the belligerent nations. The American people not only desire to know the actual facts as to the conduct and progress of the war, but also whether the policy of the administration is really neutral. The partisanship of the press and various societies naturally makes more difficult even the sincere efforts of the government to maintain strict neutrality. Even our most sacred sympathies must not make us forget our duty toward the land of our adoption or our native country. We are and always desire to remain loyal citizens of the United States of America.

In General

Commerce and trade are prostrate. The friendly relations between the most important nations of the world, on which mankind placed great hopes, have been destroyed. Their artificial diplomatic veneer has been destroyed by blood and iron, and now these relationships are the worst imaginable. The long and carefully concealed claws of selfishness, jealousy and hatred have become visible and threaten to tear to pieces what peaceful industry and intelligent economic effort have built up during many years. The doctrine of the brotherhood of man, which had no room for Him who is the first-born of many brethren, has been severely shaken at least for many years to come. All the aims and efforts of civilization are quiescent and the achievements of science and invention are considered only in so far as they minister to the preservation of national existence or aid in the destruction of the enemy.

That this war, the real originator of which is concerned only with world-dominion and world trade, and not with righteousness and justice, and who heeds not the untold sacrifice of human life, that this war is, from the Christian point of view, most deplorable, is self-evident. That the nations most concerned are the leaders in science and in missionary effort, the foremost Protestant nations of Europe, and that they are members of one racial family, not only compels us to hang our heads in shame, but forces all Christendom to its knees in humility and repentance. The thorns of spiritual indolence have grown up and overrun the good field of Christianity.

In all seriousness the enthusiastic friends of foreign missions have in recent years given out the motto: The evangelization of the world in this generation. The World Missionary Conference at Edinburg, in 1910, has led Christian people, especially the friends of missionary effort, upon a lofty summit and shown them a glorious view. The delegates to the conference have returned to their labors with a new zeal. To be assistants and co-workers with God in the decisive hour of world-missions was the greatest glory to which Christians could aspire. The doors to heathen people seemed to be wide open as a result of the political and commercial influence of Germany, England and the United States. Vast sums of money have been willingly sacrificed and hosts of devoted men and women have entered the fields. Suddenly a terrible sobering up takes place. The awful reaction of this world war upon Christianity in the eyes of heathen nations has, humanly speaking, made impossible for a long time to come the evangelization of the world in this generation. Christianity has suffered terribly in the eyes of Mohammedanism and heathendom. More deplorable still is the fact that the missionary leaders of Germany and England who have hitherto worked hand in hand in the pursuit of a common interest, are now in hostile camps. National enmity is often stronger than brotherhood in Christ.

The terrible travail of such an age has shattered the nerves of the peoples concerned and has shaken their faith in the teachings of Christianity. Agnosticism and godlessness are now repeating more insistently and insidiously than ever before the ancient question: "Where is now thy God"? What good has all your preaching done? Where is the power of divine truth? The words of the mockers beneath the Cross: "He hath helped others and cannot help himself"! are heard again in manifold variations.—Be ye diligent, not slothful; let not your zeal grow cold!

Is the Church at Fault?

Nor does the Church at home appear altogether as a bride adorned for her husband. There is a great unrest among the people, a mad rush for pleasure and profit, and also a yearning and longing for better things. A reckless speculation and hopeless resignation, a bold optimism and a strange fatalism characterize our business life. Greed, ambition, wastefulness, a passion for pleasure and excitement is to be found among all classes of the population. And what is the cause of all this restlessness? People have forgotten, or they do not want to know, that there is rest for the weary only under the cross.

The Church has been guilty of great neglect. There has been great activity, but not sufficient thoroughness. Teaching, exhortation, nurture and administration have been wanting. People prefer to rule rather than to serve, to meddle in other men's matters rather than rule well their own house, to undertake the sensational rather than the drudgery of daily duty. Is it not an evil time, a most serious time? Whence come the many false and impure teachings in the Church, whence the vagueness of conviction that seeks to banish Christ into the desert of unbelief, or to remake Him in such a way that he will fit into their "organization"? Whence comes this desire for separation, which seeks to confine Christ to the narrow bounds of partisanship, if not from setting the mind on high things, which includes the despising of others? Has not our age very largely lost the A B C of Christianity? Can it not understand that sin and grace, repentance and faith, trust and faithfulness are still the essential elements of Christianity? Without these elements the whole structure would collapse like a house of cards. And yet there are many who assume the role of a prophet and emphasize certain teachings of the Scriptures at the expense of the others, or subvert or tear down the whole system of Christian thought, instead of proving the new wisdom with the measure of the old.

In diligence, not slothfulness. Let not your zeal grow cold. Whenever watchfulness is weakened by the ways of an habitual, outward, formal Christianity, the archenemy is given an opportunity to sow his tares, to set his snares and to do his damage. Wherever watchfulness is neglected in the Church of Jesus Christ, self-conceit and carelessness,

disorderliness and idleness grow stronger. And wherever these are in the ascendancy, things are not as they should be.

The Remedy

Wellmeaning friends think they can heal these gaping wounds of present day religious life by artificial means. The lack of religion in the life of our people, the vast majority of whom grow up without any sort of religious education and training, cannot be done away with by committees, boards, organizations and systems; such as a work requires hard, personal, faithful work on the part of all Christians. You can no longer conceal the paganism in the Church. At bottom it is no longer mere ignorance, that might be excused, but actual enmity toward Christ, which says plainly in all its conduct, we do not want Him to rule over us.

The Church is supposed to be the center of entertainment. In the shadow of the Church there hides the spirit of worldliness, dressed up to resemble religion. The pastor is to be a good "mixer", and there is danger that he will mix more dough than he can leaven, or than he has strength to knead.

The organization of the Church is getting to be so complex and artificial that an expert machinist is required to set it in motion and keep it going. Every little while some cog wheel is out of order; it is clogged by rivalry, jealousy, anger or dissension, and the whole machinery refuses to work.

The willingness to sacrifice gives way to selfishness, the spirit of mercy to that of the caste, the church paper to the shallow reading matter of the daily newspaper, who could enumerate all the defects of the church life of today! We must be most concerned about meeting all these defects by the *sincere and courageous proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ* both from the pulpit and in our every-day life. Organization is good, but the spirit must not be lacking. The very best organization and the finest system is a mere form without the Spirit of God. But where the form is created from within, there is life, and our age needs nothing so much as a refreshed and awakened spiritual life, the spirit of the first witnesses and martyrs in word and deed on the part of the pastors, the spirit of confession and conduct on the part of the people, the spirit that enlightens and controls, that restores marriage and family life to honor and makes truth and faithfulness articles of value in our civic and social life.

Our Own Church

And when we ask, Are the shortcomings of the Church in general to be found in our own? none will dare to answer No. Our Church is vigorous, strong, efficient. There is hardly another church body which is at once so positive in principle and so liberal in practice as the Evan-

gelical Church. We have a larger number of "adherents" than most other church bodies. We are ready to serve one and all with the Gospel of salvation. Tho this is beautiful as an ideal, it has its serious dangers. On the one hand there is danger that the minister of Christ becomes a mere servant of men, and on the other that the idea of the Church is, in the mind of the people, weakened and diluted until it is little more than another kind of business.

Be fervent in spirit. Let it overflow into every part of your life and being. No one can give himself either the abundant or the overflowing measure of the Spirit. But each one of us and the entire Church can pray for it most fervently. The Lord will answer. We have the form and the organization. There is no lack of spirit-filled pastors and laymen. We need an abundant measure of the Spirit in the hearts of those who learn and those who teach in our seminaries, and in the hearts of our pastors and the members of Church councils.

Let the service we render as ministers of the Gospel bear the stamp of willingness to serve the Lord. Not so much organization as the royal reign of Jesus must be the aim of our service. We serve the Church best by building the kingdom of God. That means serving the Lord, or the opportunity, as another version has it. In the very midst of the unrest of our day there is abundant opportunity to lead the souls of men into the peace and rest of Jesus Christ.

The urgent need of our age is not so much a defence of Christianity as a "center rush". The spirit of paganism must be attacked wherever it raises its head. John and Paul preached repentance and faith in Christ directly at the Pharisees, and at Herod and Agrippa. In these fundamental elements of Christianity lies the power that creates new things.

The seriousness of to-day's need calls for the pastoral ministry of every real Christian. That such a ministry is first the duty of the pastor is selfevident. But in addition to the ordained ministry a force of trained lay assistants would be of the greatest importance in influencing the irreligious. Fishing with the hook and line is just as important as that with the seine.

The idea of a lay ministry is heard among us with constantly increasing frequency. Those who know best the difficulties and hindrances that beset the work of our Church place great hopes upon the aid to be expected from the sincere and effective service of laymen in reaching their fellowmen. Our Brotherhoods have here a splendid opportunity of serving their Lord, their Church and the kingdom of God.

The Jubilee

For many months the people of our churches have been making preparations for the observation of the Jubilee, and the months of September and October witnessed the celebration of the seventy-fifth

anniversary of the organization of our beloved Synod in practically every Evangelical church in the country. In the larger centers of population the Jubilee was observed on a scale commensurate with the importance of our denomination in the community, notably at St. Louis, the Evangelical stronghold of the country, where celebrations of a local and denominational character were held at Mehlville, St. Louis County, Oct. 15, at the Coliseum, St. Louis, Oct. 17, at the meeting of the Elmhurst and Eden Alumni Association, at Eden Seminary, Oct. 18, and at a Jubilee banquet of the City Federation of Evangelical Brotherhoods, Friedens Sunday-school hall, Oct. 20. The Jubilee was observed in a similar manner at Milwaukee, Chicago, New Orleans, Rochester, N. Y., Baltimore, Pittsburg, St. Paul, and in other cities that have not yet reported. Programs in both languages had been provided for the Sunday-school and congregational services, and German and English memorials with the story of the Church's growth during the past seventy-five years were distributed at all church services. We trust that the net result of the Jubilee will be evident in the years to come in a larger earnestness and loyalty and in increased interest and efficiency in every branch of our work. The Jubilee Offering is still coming in, and a complete report in regard to it will have to be postponed until next year.

Our Departed Brethren

The Lord and Master of our Church has led us thru dark and winding ways. A long list of earnest and willing laborers, many of them still at the height of vigorous manhood, have been called higher and entered upon their reward. We honor these departed brethren who have led the way into the great beyond. Only a short time of waiting separates them and us. Their names are as follows:

- Jan. 20, 1915, John F. Klick, pastor, Granite City, Ill., at the age of sixty-five years, seven months and twenty-five days.
- Feb. 1, 1915, C. A. Viehe, emeritus, Evansville, Ind., at the age of seventy-seven years, ten months and twenty-eight days.
- Feb. 10, 1915, John G. Kircher, pastor, Chicago, Ill., at the age of fifty-seven years, eleven months and twenty days.
- June 30, 1915, Philip Klein, pastor emeritus, at Chicago, Ill., at the age of seventy-nine years, eight months and ten days.
- July 26, 1915, Georg Hirtz, pastor emeritus, at Cleveland, O., at the age of seventy-two years, one month and seven days.
- July 29, 1915, Frederick Moeckli, pastor emeritus, at Milwaukee, Wis., at the age of seventy-four years, eleven months and fifteen days.
- Aug. 24, 1915, Edmund A. H. Kayser, pastor, at Gary, Ind., by the hand of an unknown slayer, at the age of thirty-nine years, two months and twenty days.
- Oct. 9, 1915, Michael Mehl, pastor emeritus, at Evansville, Ind., at the age of seventy-three years and twenty-three days.

The Future

There are problems enough in the present without seeking to lift the veil that hides the future. And yet the great problems of the present inevitably direct the thoughts of thinking men toward the future. Without this one could not do justice to the times. The anxiety for the future may well be left to the morrow, but the *duties* of the future demand our attention today. To dream along from day to day is unworthy of a man and still more so of a church body; most of all a church body whose union program points to a great future.

After the stormclouds of war shall have cleared away and God has cleared the political and ecclesiastical atmosphere, the large and small missionary societies at work in heathen countries will be drawn closer together, especially those conducted under German auspices. May not our mission be transferred to a German society and thus contribute to the unity of the Christian Church that is being trained from among heathen people? If God wills. We shall not force the project prematurely and artificially, but wait on God's leading. The larger, the more united and the more diverse the missionary idea can be realized the more successful and influential will it become. It seems almost as tho the place was being divinely prepared for a "German Mission" in Africa and Asia. The missionaries of the various societies are inter-dependent and their leaders are constantly coming closer to each other. Here, too, there may arise a united brotherhood of God's people.

But the largest and most important work for the Evangelical Church is not in Asia or Africa, but in the United States.

The Evangelical Church has grown to its present size and importance thru home mission effort. She is just as much a home mission Church now as she was seventy-five years ago. At that time the union idea was new. Theoretically the rivalry between the Reformed and Lutheran churches in Germany was abolished in 1817, but the names and the ideas persisted, greatly to the injury of the progress of the union idea. But the dark clouds that have gathered over Germany will drive the different flocks together. The German Evangelical Church will become the Church of the German nation, a thought that will be of great future significance to us. When peace will have been made,—may God grant that it will be soon—many Germans will probably find their way, not to Canada, but to the United States and to South America. Let us get ready to meet these brothers and sisters. Our Home Mission Board and the Immigrant Mission will very probably have a great work on their hands in a very short time. Let us help them meet the new duties. The churches at the center and at the circumference must not forget that they are German, and our publications must also get ready for that opportunity.

At the same time the thought of the future compels us to offer to our rising generation such helps for Sunday-school and young people's

work as will stand comparison with the best that is published anywhere else. That will require large expense for some years to come. But this must not keep us from doing all that a Church should do toward training its young people for loyal and efficient church membership. If this is neglected we need not complain that our young people are growing up with hazy ideas concerning Christianity and the Church, and are seeking in other denominations what they cannot find at home. It will be the duty not only of our editors, but also of our pastors, Sunday-school and young peoples workers, to make our young people *feel thoroly at home* in the Evangelical Church.

For many years to come our work will have to be done in two languages. No matter what may be the outcome of the great war, the German language will be increasingly appreciated, while the use of the English language will be constantly enlarged. This means that for years to come our pastors will need to be able to use both languages fluently. Tho it is eminently desirable that our coming pastors have a thoroly classical education, the practical requirements of today seem to call for less Latin and Greek and for more German and English.

Reports of the Boards and Officers

The annual reports of the Boards give a clear insight into the work done in their respective fields. Our educational institutions should receive first consideration. We cannot yet say that we have workers enough, altho Elmhurst College shows a large attendance. We must continue to ask the Lord to make increasing numbers of our young men willing to enter His service. In order to grow as we should we need many more workers. During the next quarter of a century the Synod should double the number of pastors, churches and communicants, all the more so since she is now able to serve the growing generation, about half of which must be served in English.—The Home Mission work should also receive full attention; its business is to find new fields, to lengthen the cords and strengthen the stakes.—The publications of the Church have been provided for the purpose of affording wholesome Evangelical nourishment for old and young, for those who use the German and for those who use the English. Two of them deserve especial mention because of their importance in shaping Evangelical services of worship in the English language, the new abbreviated edition of the Hymnal and the Book Woship. Both will be on the market shortly, and both will help to keep foreign elements out and make our services thoroly Evangelical.

I trust the brethren will remember that I am a novice with many things to learn before I shall be as familiar with all the phases of the denominational work as my worthy predecessor, whose unexpired term I am, with the help of God, endeavoring to fill out,. The general view of the denominational activities is greatly simplified by the timely appear-

ance of the reports. On March 31st the most important reports had not yet arrived.

A short survey of all the reports has been compiled by the General Secretary, Pastor G. Fischer, and will be sent by mail to the readers of the *Friedensbote* and the *Evangelical Herald* in their respective languages. If we expect our people to take an interest in and support our denominational enterprises, they certainly have a right to know all about the progress of the work. If this is to be to better advantage in the future, all reports of the Boards *should be in the hands of the President General by March 1st*. This year it has been impossible for the latter to read them before publication.

And now, my dear brethren, let us work, rather than permit the spirit of pettiness and fault-finding to grow up in our midst. *Above all let us beware of indolence*. There is nothing that so ill befits a minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ as indolence, indecision, indifference. *Be diligent, not slothful*. O, there is so much to be done for Christ and His kingdom that time is always too short for the faithful, earnest and energetic servant of Christ. The King's business requires haste and will suffer no postponing. May His Spirit, whom we beseech for us in abundance, impel us to show wisdom, seriousness and faithfulness as the prime motive of our actions, our preaching and our conduct in our conferences, in our ministry and in our homes. And to Him who alone is wise, holy and righteous be glory, praise and worship. Amen.

John Baltzer, President General.

The Educational Institutions

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"As the Father has sent me, even so send I you," John 20:21.

With these royal words the risen Lord has commissioned His disciples and made them witnesses for the Gospel of salvation among all nations.

The crucified and risen Saviour has accomplished the redemption, but it is to be published abroad thru human instruments. If the Gospel of salvation is to prove itself a power of God among men, there must be no lack of preachers who, as ambassadors of Christ, and anointed by the Spirit, continually lead old and young to the inexhaustible fountains of the water of life.

Our educational institutions are a part of the work of the Kingdom; they have been established in the name of the Lord of the Church and He has maintained and blessed them so far thru good and evil days. It must be our constant aim to perfect them in their methods and to keep in mind the one purpose of training men whom the Lord can use, and to whom He can say, "I send you".

That the work which has been done so faithfully and successfully since the days of our fathers may prosper in a special way in the year of our Jubilee thru the prayers and offerings of all our churches, is the earnest desire of your Board in publishing this report.

Report of the Chairman

During the past year we have again been permitted to enjoy the manifold blessings of our heavenly Father, especially when the cloud of a serious epidemic hung over Elmhurst College, and we voice our heartfelt gratitude toward Him for His faithful protection and commend our institutions to His gracious care.

Since May 1, 1914, our representative, Pastor S. A. John, has devoted his entire time to the institutions. His aim is to get into personal touch with the pastors and congregations, not only to interest them in

extinguishing the indebtedness, but also to make them familiar with the institutions themselves, their work and their needs, and to gain their friendship and continued and loyal support. That this is more important than the immediate payment of the large debt, important as this certainly is as long as a debt exists, is evident. If the *permanent interest* of our pastors and churches in the work and needs of the institutions can be secured, an obstacle that has long hindered the progress of their work will have been removed.

It is very encouraging to learn of the interest shown in the work of the institutions as indicated by the efforts of the Evangelical League to raise \$10,000, and in the correspondence carried on with the officers of the Evangelical Brotherhood. We sincerely trust that this interest will continue to grow and spread.

For the first time in many years we are able to report that the receipts have been sufficient to cover the current expenses. Instead of a shortage of from \$10—12,000 as formerly, we can now report that not only no further debts were necessary, but that a modest beginning has been made in reducing that contracted in former years. From this we gather courage and confidence for the future, and hope that we shall at last be able to devote our attention to the very necessary plans for extending the curriculum.

All our readers are familiar with the new institution at Ft. Collins, Colo., established under the joint auspices of your Board and that for Home Missions during 1914. The director of this institution has been made an advisory member of the Board and his report upon his work is added to that on the other institutions. Since Pastor Jans, who was elected a member of your Board from Illinois at the General Conference, has removed to Colorado to take charge of the new institution, the Board has elected Pastor Theo. Haas, Breese, Ill., for the unexpired term to make up the required number of five trustees from Illinois.

J. E. Digel, Chairman.

Pastor S. A. John Reports

Since May 1, 1914, the writer has acted as representative of the educational institutions, an entirely new office with no precedents whatever to guide me. As I understood my duties they called for active agitation in the entire Synod on behalf of a larger interest in and a more generous support of our institutions. This would have been comparatively easy, had it not been for the debt of \$70,000 which had to be removed first. The problem was to accomplish this without interfering with the sources of present income. A general canvass for a larger sum to pay the indebtedness would no doubt have been successful, but in doing this there was danger of reducing the income for current expenses.

The plan adopted to solve this problem was to appeal to the more prosperous of our members and call for *one thousand men or women*

willing to give \$100 or more each for paying the debt. We knew that the persons willing and able to do this were there, and in order to find them and encourage them in such an undertaking an active campaign was inaugurated in the *Evangelical Herald* and the *Friedensbote*. The success of the plan depended upon the personal interest and co-operation of the pastors. With the aim of securing this your representative planned to visit all the District conferences possible, so as to put the vital importance of the subject directly before the pastors and the churches. Almost everywhere he was received with open arms. The great majority of our pastors are intensely interested in the success and progress of our educational institutions, and the churches sympathized heartily with our efforts. It was surprising, however, to discover *the lack of information* in regard to the condition and the needs of these institutions. Most of the pastors, however, gladly promised their loyal support.

Naturally the Evangelical League conventions were not overlooked in the effort to arouse a large interest in our cause. The resolution to raise a fund of \$10,000 on behalf of our educational work, which was passed at the Louisville convention, was a result of this work. A committee, of which the writer is a member, is diligently at work collecting this fund. Your representative has also accepted a place in the finance section of the committee arranging for the Jubilee in the expectation that an adequate portion of the Jubilee Offering is to flow into the treasury of the educational institutions.

In order to stimulate and maintain an abiding interest on the part of the churches in the campaign the Board has undertaken a number of Districts, has appointed special committees whose duty it is to keep the matter before the churches of their territory, and the presidents have usually permitted this to be done at the expense of the District. These committees ought to be at work in all Districts. The Missouri committee, e. g., has written a letter to all pastors of the Districts offering to supply speakers on the needs of the educational institutions for missionary days and other occasions.

Since May, 1914, the writer has addressed different gatherings in more than 150 different places in all parts of the country. It was my custom at all the places visited to look up the persons suggested by the pastor and to seek to induce them to contribute a substantial sum to the cause of the institutions. Where this was not immediately successful, the promise of future support was willingly made. In summing up I believe I can safely say that the interest in the work of our educational institutions is growing, and that we may well be satisfied with what has so far been accomplished, especially in view of the present financial depression, and the number of appeals made to our churches for different purposes. Considering the obstacles to be overcome, our educational institutions have held their own very well.

S. A. John.

Eden Seminary

It might seem almost useless to carry on our work during a period of struggle and storm and stress such as the present. In view of the fact that in this our twentieth century the most terrible world war was maliciously planned for, and, when it had begun, was extended over the whole world with every instrument that force and falsehood could devise, and that by a nation that gloried in its services to Christianity, one might well ask whether it is worth while to work for the propagation of a religion which could not save the world from such a conflagration.

But we have never worked for such a brand of Christianity, and we trust that those who come after us will not do so either. We may therefore well rely upon the words of the Master, "See that ye be not troubled", and "this Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in the whole world". We know very well that not all that passes as preaching the Gospel deserves that name. Much of what goes by that name is mere church propaganda that very frequently serves only worldly interests. But we also know that all real preaching of the Gospel does not depend upon the political world-situation, but is based upon the promise of the Lord, the Gospel shall be preached. Trusting in this promise we shall continue to carry on our work as best we know how.

Of the seventy-eight students in the institution at the close of the year, twenty-nine, more than could be sent out for a number of years, were graduated at the commencement exercises held in Bethany Church, St. Louis, June 10, 1915. The number of new students entering at the beginning of the new year was twenty-eight, which brings the total for the current year to seventy-seven.

It is of course not easy to state how much of the material taught at the seminary has been really learned. Judging by the examination papers, there is quite a difference, tho as a whole the result may be called satisfactory. On the other hand it must not be overlooked that the difference between what has been learned for examination and what has become an actual spiritual and intellectual possession is again very marked. This difference will not be done away with by raising the examination requirements, but rather depends on things very largely beyond the control of the faculty. How much actual life value is concealed under the examination percentages will appear only in later years, when the seed sown in youth begins to grow and to ripen. Then it will also appear how futile was the attempt to cover up a lack of elementary knowledge and fundamental character qualifications by a veneer of superficial education, or to make the latter take the place of the former. How much has been achieved in this direction from year to year cannot be set down in official reports; all that can be said here is, "ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord".

The conduct of the students is determined by their personality, the ripeness and tact of their Christian character, tho the outward form may be modified by rules and regulations. The new order, according to which discipline is maintained by the students themselves, has therefore brought about no fundamental change, tho it has brought to the surface much, both desirable and undesirable, that was hidden before. No case necessitating disciplinary action on the part of the board of control has so far arisen. The health of the students has also been very good in a general way.

*Samuel Kruse,
Wm. Hackmann,
F. Klemme,
W. Becker.*

Elmhurst College

The year 1914—15, the forty-fourth since the opening of Elmhurst College was opened on Sept. 9, 1914. "Speak Lord, thy servant heareth", was the word we placed above the entrance in order to help us all to realize that each one should be ready to hear and to answer the Lord's call coming to us in the devotional exercises, the church services, or the lectures of the instructors.

Of the 169 students enrolled at the opening 164 remained at the end of the year, thirty-one of whom graduated at the commencement exercises held on June 16, 1915. Of these twenty-eight were transferred to Eden to complete their studies for the ministry, while three entered other institutions of learning.

The 171 students enrolled at the beginning of the new school year are divided as follows among the five departments: Freshman 23; Sophomores 40; Middlers 36; Juniors 35; Seniors 37.

The receipts from tuition fees during 1914—15 were as follows:

20 students paid \$150 each.....	\$3,000
7 " " 100 " 	700
32 " " 75 " 	2,250
1 " " 80 " 	80
6 " " 55 " 	330
26 " " 50 " 	1,300
1 " " 40 " 	40
1 " " 36 " 	36
2 " " 30 " 	60
9 " " 25 " 	225
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105 " " 	\$8,021
64 " " were maintained free.	

The class work has been carried out as planned, with the exception of some minor changes, and for the sake of encouraging greater faithfulness those students making an average of nine (ten is perfect) during the last semester are not required to pass a written examination if their department is eight and one-half or over. The conduct and diligence of the students has been rather better than usual. Naturally not only good influences are at work where so many young people are together, and the faculty and the board of control are doing their best to encourage the good and discourage the evil influences. Our students desire to do right, and their occasional failures are due to thoughtlessness rather than wickedness. Those indifferent to correction are of course dismissed. By far the larger number of the students are faithful in their class work. Many who have been indifferent at first see their mistake in the second or third year and endeavor to do better, tho the traces of their poor work are hard to lose. All are of course persistently encouraged to do their best work from the very beginning.

The religious life of the students requires especial care, which, as a rule, is not in vain. The voluntary service rendered in Bible and mission study classes, which are well attended, may be regarded as a wholesome sign of spiritual life. The development of Christian character in the personal life of the students is the most important aim and naturally the most difficult of achievement.

Mild cases of diphtheria and scarlet fever appearing in January persisted in spreading in spite of all precautions prescribed by the physicians. The most troublesome aspect was the long period of isolation and the consequent interruption of the patients' study. The board of control was repeatedly tempted to close the institution temporarily, but the danger of spreading infection still further seemed too great; besides, barely half of the students would have left the institution. The State Board of Health visited the college and found the measures taken adequate. The two nurses, W. Krummel and H. Auler, who worked hard and faithfully during the entire period, deserve a fitting compensation. It is also recommended that a few more rooms be added to the hospital section in the third story of the commissary building, so that professional nurses may be employed if necessary.

All the deeds and abstracts of the college have been thoroly examined by an expert and corrected wherever necessary. A list of all legal documents and papers of the educational institutions, showing their contents and the place where they have been deposited for safe keeping, should be compiled and published with the next annual report.

On March 30, 1915, Prof. Paul Crusius tendered his resignation as professor of English language and literature, to take effect with the close of the school-year, in order to continue his studies at Harvard University. Since Prof. Crusius could not be prevailed upon to reconsider

his action, the Board was obliged to accept the resignation, which was done with sincere appreciation of the services he had rendered to the institution. In Prof. J. E. Schmale, formerly of Washington University, St. Louis, a worthy and capable successor has been found. Prof. Schmale has taken up his new duties with the beginning of the new school year.

With the close of the school year Prof. Chas. Bauer completed twenty-five years of service. At the commencement exercises Pastor F. Werning, chairman of the Board of control, addressing both Prof. Bauer and Crusius, gave expression on behalf of the Board for Educational Institutions to the gratitude and appreciation of the Synod for remarkable ability so faithfully and successfully spent in the service of the Church, at the same time presenting Prof. Bauer with an anniversary gift in the name of the Board. Another gift on behalf of Prof. Bauer's former students was presented by Prof. Breitenbach. Prof. Crusius was also presented with a token of friendly regard by the president of the graduating class.

In April, 1915, the college library contained 6,600 books, pamphlets and magazines.

*F. Werning,
C. F. Baumann,
H. Niefer,
D. Irion.*

Fort Collins Academy

In beginning the work of this institution we were obliged to travel on uncharted seas, reports Pastor Jans, the director. The conditions we were obliged to meet were peculiar, and it behooves us to be cautious and consider well every step taken. The entrance examinations showed that those Russo-Germans desiring admission to the institution possessed only the rudiments of an elementary education. With the exception of three boys from fifteen to seventeen years of age only one of the twelve applicants was unmarried. In order that the married students were to remain with their families it was arranged that vacation should extend from May 15th to July 15th and from Sept. 15th to Nov. 15th, so as to enable those who are obliged to earn their own support to find work on the beet-fields. It was soon evident, however, that they would not be able to earn enough to keep a family and that it was impossible to avoid going into debt if they desired to continue their studies during the year. The Board for Home Missions has now set aside \$15.00 per month (of the school year) for every married student, and \$10.00 for unmarried students, so that they might be able to pay rent and living expenses.

The question of text-books was also a perplexing one. In some branches not enough books could be supplied to furnish one to each stu-

dent. In other branches the material had to be specially prepared by means of duplicator and other devices—dictation would have been impossible in view of the students' lack of ability. In general the students are diligent and faithful, and the five brightest ones among them may be ready for the ministry before very long. Some of the others are too old or too backward. The three boys are at a disadvantage. In German they are as far advanced as the freshmen at Elmhurst, but they are backward in English elementary attainments. As the parents must work in the beet-fields from the middle of May until November, regular attendance at the public schools has been impossible. For this reason, which applies more or less to all Russo-German children, they are not promoted with others of their age, and it is very improbable that any one of them would ever, under these conditions, complete the eighth grade in the public school. And even if we could send one or two of them to Elmhurst, the parents could not afford to let them go, as the children can earn two dollars a day during a large part of the year. Apparently all that can be done is to teach these boys as much as possible and send them to the practical department of Eden Seminary—if they have turned out well. The married men, who have a family of five or six children to provide for, will hardly be able to go to St. Louis.

So much is clear, however, we shall not have to wait for students eager to learn. They are already there and waiting to be admitted to the institution. It is remarkable that so far our scholars do not come from churches served by Evangelical pastors, but from those served by Congregational ministers. Naturally, therefore, the Congregationalists are openly opposing our work—one of their instructors called our institution "a crime against Christianity". Our Iowa Lutheran neighbor calls it a trap for catching proselytes. But we are not worrying on this account. The Lord will take care of that without our entering into controversy with our adversaries. We will labor, teach, admonish, educate,—He will bless.

Sooner or later a separate seminary building will become a necessity. If the means were available a house for the unmarried students might be built in the meantime. So far, however, hardly one-half of the purchase price (\$10,000) has been paid. An adequate seminary building would cost about \$7—8,000.

Most of the Districts have approved our work and have gladdened our hearts with their good wishes and many a generous gift. We shall try to do our work in the Evangelical spirit and to keep expenses as low as possible, so that our institution may not become a new burden, but a blessing for the entire Church.

Financial Statement

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand Feb. 1, 1914.....	\$ 4,500.63
Voluntary offerings	20,549.81
Reformation Day offerings	15,889.70
Legacies and bequests	9,435.46
Seminary Day (Eden)	534.90
Seminary Day (Elmhurst)	780.09
Eden Publishing House	8,010.00
Interest	2,892.98
Tuition (Eden)	2,177.50
Tuition (Elmhurst)	8,212.88
Books and stationery.....	1,344.23
Evangelical Academy, Ft. Collins.....	3,908.83
Loans	19,500.00
Miscellaneous	5,576.45
Total, including cash balance.....	\$104,043.46

EXPENDITURES.

Eden Seminary, maintenance	\$18,844.33
Elmhurst College, maintenance	36,475.74
Evangelical Academy, Ft. Collins.....	3,290.57
Loans repaid	32,700.00
Traveling expenses and administration.....	334.04
Prof. E. Otto, pension.....	200.00
Pastor S. A. John, salary, traveling and office ex- penses	2,135.77
Miscellaneous	1,577.75
Interest	1,243.61
Total.....	\$ 96,841.81
Balance, February 1, 1915.....	7,201.65

OBLIGATIONS OF THE BOARD.

Ministerial Pensions and Relief.....	\$ 5,000.00
Board for Home Missions.....	4,000.00
F. Behring	4,000.00
Owing to Seminary Fund*.....	51,890.00
Total obligations	\$64,890.00
Less balance as above.....	57,689.25

*) The endowment funds of Elmhurst College, Eden Seminary and the Educational institutions have been turned over to the Board for Trust Funds.

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 10, 1915.

Julius Kircher, Treas.

The Central Board for Home Missions

Chairman, Rev. F. A. Reller, Evansville, Ind.; *Secretary*, Rev. G. Ludwig, Milwaukee, Wis.; *Treasurer*, Rev. J. Nuesch, Los Angeles, Cal.; Rev. A. E. Meyer, Chicago, Ill.; Rev. H. Rahn, Edwardsville, Ill.

"But thanks be unto God, who always leadeth us in triumph in Christ", 2 Cor. 2: 14.

It is to be expected that a review of our home mission activity for one year will show a picture of many colors. In some instances splendid results have been achieved by faithful and diligent labor, in others the same faithfulness and diligence has seemed to be in vain. This is but natural in view of the 103 laborers, differing in talents and temperament, and the 136 fields in thirty States and in Canada with widely differing conditions and with people of differing classes and character. It would be manifestly unfair to judge of each worker's faithfulness according to the visible results. In general our missionaries have been conscientious and industrious, altho in some instances the work was not successful because these qualities were lacking.

The eighty-nine parishes (139 congregations) that have become self-supporting during the past decade are abundant proof of the substantial success of our work. The spiritual and moral gain they are contributing to the respective communities and the support they are giving to the work of the Church and the Kingdom may be regarded as a direct fruit of our home mission effort. During the past year other churches have become self-supporting, while others have grown stronger and will doubtless soon stand on their own feet. We shall, therefore, not only not regret having devoted our efforts and our means to this great work, but shall continue to prosecute it with still greater energy and faithfulness.

At the beginning of this year (1915) ninety-one parishes with 124 churches were being supported. Thirteen parishes with twenty-three congregations were added last year. The appropriations requested amounted to \$35,460; the amount granted was \$32,966.70. In addition the 124 churches themselves contributed \$29,802 to their own support.

The receipts in voluntary contributions, \$25,123.69, for 1914 were larger than those of any previous year. There is, however, great need of increasing the gifts of the current year, so that they will not fall behind. Up to August 1, 1915 only \$6,520 had been received, as against the \$16,500 needed for the period closing with that date.

There is still no little difficulty of securing the sufficient number of suitable workers. Not every one has the proper qualifications, and not many are ready to assume the burdens, sacrifices and hardships which missionary work involves. Constant prayer for enough workers of the right kind is a most effective way of helping our home mission work.

The Evangelical Colony

Colonization work at Billings, Mont., has not been abandoned, but is growing slowly but steadily. False reports seem to have kept many from asking for information. Beginnings are difficult even in the best regions, and during the first years many of the settlers are bound to become discouraged. Our contract with the company expires after two years, and experience now shows that this is a mistake. If more settlers do not apply soon the company may not renew the contract, and it may turn out that we shall have no land to sell just as the settlers begin to come. Many of the settlers make mistakes in cultivating the land; they sow too late, use the wrong seed, or do not irrigate properly in spite of all directions and precautions. Only experience reveals the mistakes and brings the desired progress. Naturally these difficulties affect also the religious work among the settlers, which, after all is the most important aspect of our enterprise.

Services and Sunday-school are held every first and third Sunday in the month, but are frequently very poorly attended. Some of the colonists are irreligious, others have not yet arrived. A public school has been opened in the basement of the pastor's residence, and from sixteen to twenty children attended until June. After the close of the public school German school was opened.

We cordially welcome every new colonist, but would not urge *everybody* to come. We have no use for people who are not willing to work, nor for those unwilling to learn; people who come only for the sake of outward prosperity would not feel at home here. Honest, industrious Evangelical Christians are especially welcome, and should address *Rev. R. Maurer, Box 684, Billings, Mont.*, for further information.

The Missionary Districts and Territory

Colorado Mission District. With September 1914 Pastor B. Leesmann entered upon his work at *Ogden, Utah*, and also resumed the work at *Salt Lake City*; we hope that he will finally succeed in organizing an Evangelical church there. Pastor Jans gives the following interesting particulars concerning conditions and work among the Mormons:

"In Ogden, Utah, lives a woman who relates the following: 'I am the youngest of *fifty-five children* of my father. I need no proof of the misery of polygamy. *I have experienced it myself.*'"

"Another woman, questioned as to whether love figured in Mormon marriages, replied: 'No indeed, it's all business. Our child was very sick and near death; I told my husband, but as he intended taking a trip with his youngest wife he declined to remain. When, upon his return, I told him that the child had died, he only said, 'It cannot be helped' ". This is even worse than "all business."

"Another woman told me she knew of a farm in Idaho with three houses, each in a different corner. In each house a wife with her chil-

dren has to earn her living by hard work. Two days in the week, during the husband's sojourn in the house, there is full and plenty; much to eat and well cooked, but as soon as he departs from this house and goes to another, poverty is "boss."

"At Mormon funerals quite a number of people have their say. It may be of interest what a Bishop said at the close of such a service: "Pretty nearly everything that could be said about the departed sister has been told, so I will only add: "No one who has ever entered her house has ever been able to find a bedbug!" Isn't that "some" praise?

"Besides their meeting rooms, of which there are twelve in Ogden, the Mormons also have dance halls, and each dance is opened and closed with a prayer.

"Contrary to the Catholic Church, which likes to boast of her many adherents, the Mormons deny a large membership, so that their political influence may not be affected. In Utah they are in the majority (in Salt Lake City forty per cent and in Ogden sixty per cent of the inhabitants are Mormons); in Idaho they claim one-third of the population, and as they hold together they can control the elections.

"Anybody desiring to obtain steady employment is in great danger of becoming a Mormon. A young man, who had been hurt in a railroad accident, died after our pastor had called on him and prayed with him repeatedly. The father, a good old German, requested our pastor to hold the funeral service, which he promised to do. Shortly before the interment the father came quite perturbed and told the pastor: "I am in the greatest quandary. My brother, who is a zealous Mormon, came and told me that my son had been baptized by Bishop X in Salt Lake City, and unless I consented to the Mormons conducting the funeral he would disinherit us." The pastor gladly granted them the privilege. It developed that the youngest son of this man also was a Mormon and of both the father had no knowledge.

"A German woman employed in the information bureau, told a young man who was on his bridal journey, in my hearing, "If you want to go to heaven you must become a Mormon." We can say, those who want to enter heaven will *not* embrace Mormonism, and whoever has already done so has jeopardized the chances of his soul. Mormonism, like Christian Science, is one of the great heresies of our time, and people should be warned against its moral and spiritual danger.

"What does our Church do for its children who, like Lot in Sodom, have moved among the Mormons because the land, when properly irrigated, is like a garden of the gods? Our missionary worker said: "The pastors do nothing!" A hard accusation, but unfortunately only too true. Is it not the sacred duty of a pastor to inform the missionary workers as to names and addresses of his people who have removed to the West, especially when they have settled down on the edge of the precipice of the Latter Day Saints? Tho many are prepared to say

"One Church is as good as another," it is terrible to compare the sect of the false prophet with the holy Church of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ! Where this sect prospers all spiritual life withers and dies. True, their deluded followers practice tithe-giving and have a monthly fast day—outwardly they do much more than our church members. Proselyting is a pleasure and not a burden to them; they travel over land and sea to ensnare souls—their unholy zeal should inspire us to seek and to save what is in danger of being lost.

"I would not recommend a mission to convert Mormons, but would appeal for an earnest effort among people of our own blood and our own faith who have not embraced Mormonism. Would it not be the work for our Ladies' Societies to build a parsonage in Salt Lake City with an adjoining room for all kinds of meetings? Such an Evangelical parsonage would prove a veritable lighthouse, a meeting place for Evangelical women and girls who are in danger of being ensnared in the toils of this aggregation of devils. We can not stop to ask: Will many avail themselves of this? Will this work become self-supporting within a reasonable time? This work must be done if we would be true disciples of Jesus, the Good Shepherd. To many it may be news to know that many Mormons are Germans from Wuertemberg and Switzerland who have been decoyed to this country. And many a one who was a good Evangelical Christian in the East has denied his faith, or at least permits his children to fall into the toils of the enemy."

In *Grand Junction* Pastor J. J. Braun is continuing the work of Pastor E. Baltzer who followed a call to St. Louis, where he is acting as associate pastor in his father's church. The work among the German Russians offers many difficulties which can only be overcome in the course of time. Owing to the fact that most of them earn their living by working on the sugar-beet plantations, and therefore drift from one place to another to find work, the congregations make little outward progress. *Fort Collins* church is burdened with a considerable debt and has also been without a pastor for a long time, until Pastor G. Tillmanns accepted the call and arrived in March 1915. During the interim Pastor Jans acted as pastor as far as his work at the seminary permitted. Thirteen families were added to the church, and nearly \$2,000 were paid on the indebtedness last year. Zion Church, *Windsor*, was organized in 1914; as a fruit of the successful and energetic work of Pastor Jueling the church now comprises 108 families, and has built a church and a parsonage valued at \$6,500, of which \$2,600 has been paid. The church is paying \$450 towards the pastor's salary and expects to become self-supporting by 1916. A small church was also organized at *Lasalle, Colo.*, and is being served from Ft. Collins.

Characteristic of the work among the Russo-Germans was the "Brethren's Conference" held in Ft. Collins at Easter time. These conferences are known as "Stunden" and are quite customary in some parts

of Germany, being brought from there by the German colonists in the Volga district, who in turn have brought them to this country. The meetings are not organized and the leadership is entrusted to one of the members by vote of those present. Everybody is welcome, and those who attend regularly are greatly helped in their spiritual life. The pastor is always welcome and is treated most respectfully.

The Ft. Collins conference was attended by representatives from Denver, Ft. Collins, Windsor, Ft. Morgan, Lasalle, Greeley, etc., the meetings opening on the Saturday before Easter and continuing over until Monday. Everybody took part in the Sunday-school and the church services, and more gatherings were held in the afternoon and evening, the church, which seats 350—400 people, being always filled. One of those present opens the meetings by leading in song; another leads in prayer; a third reads the Scriptures, which are interpreted by still another, followed by prayers from any one so inclined. The program is entirely voluntary, only the close consisting of set liturgical exercises. Business is transacted only in the first session, the sole object being devotion and fraternal association. Even women take an active part, but unostentatiously and in all modesty.

As Pastor G. A. Schmidt had resigned as president of the District, and could not be prevailed upon to reconsider, Pastor Jans was appointed his successor. For his faithful and effective labors during many years Pastor Schmidt was given a unanimous and hearty vote of appreciation by the Board.

The conference of the District, believing that the existing shortage of ministers was due partially to the meager salaries paid to the missionaries, recommended a substantial increase to the Board. The Board would gladly carry out the wishes of the District if only the means were available. Up to the time of writing *barely one-third* of the money needed was available. So long as so many of our churches—and their pastors, who are responsible in most cases—do not recognize their duty toward the home mission work of their Church, the workers will not be able to receive what, in view of their difficult and self-denying labors, is their just due.

Another resolution passed by the District conference is also of general interest: "The District regards the establishment of a *sanitarium for persons suffering from lung diseases* as a very urgent need in this region so especially adapted for this purpose. We hope that some person blessed with worldly means will help us to meet it." President Jans is constantly in receipt of inquiries from persons in the East as to places where they could send their afflicted relatives or friends. So far he has not been able to say, We have such a sanitarium for our people; send them on. Seventh Day Adventists are nursing our sick brethren and sisters. *Shall it always be thus?* If one person alone could not provide

the necessary means, perhaps a number of them could be found to cooperate.

Washington Mission District.—At *Spokane, Wash.*, Pastor J. Lebart was obliged at the very beginning of his work in July 1914, to pass thru a severe school of affliction. He was ill with typhoid when he arrived and with his two daughters had to spend many weeks in the hospital before being able to take up his work. Bethel Church, *Seattle*, and Zion Church, *Everett*, were combined into one parish with Pastor P. Weiss as minister. Pastor E. G. Albert organized a promising church at *Boise*, Idaho, and has taken charge of the work there, Pastor G. Mauch taking up the work at *Payette* as his successor. Friedens Church, *Portland*, is developing normally under Pastor Hergert's continued labors.

Canada Mission Territory.—The work here has suffered greatly on account of the war. Pastors Neumann and Winger of *Winnipeg*, both report that lack of employment and hostility against everything that calls itself German make the work very difficult. Pastor Fischer was obliged to resign his work at *Morden-Brown P. O.* and leave Canada, and under present conditions it is practically impossible to find a new pastor.

Montana Mission Territory.—Our eldest parish, *Homestead-Culbertson*, has been vacant since Pastor Maurer's removal to Billings, both Pastor Maurer and Pastor Stelzig ministering to its needs until Pastor Kisselmann took temporary charge in February. The pioneer work at *Redwater Valley*, *East Redwater Valley* and *Girard* is being carried on very faithfully by Pastor Stelzig. Christ Church at *Billings* has not been able to report progress. Two Russo-German churches were organized in the vicinity and should be supplied with pastors.

Statistics

The following table shows the amount of money appropriated and paid for home mission work during 1914—15 to the Districts, and the number of parishes supported in each District. In many instances not all the money appropriated for a parish is actually paid, owing to a vacancy in the pastorate, or to other changes in the conditions.

District	No. of Parishes	No. of Churches	Appropriations	
			1914	1915
Atlantic	4	4	\$ 1,040.00	\$ 880.00
Colorado Mission.....	7	10	5,188.55	2,730.00
Ft. Collins Academy.....	—	—	2,012.24	1,600.00
Indiana	4	5	1,472.05	1,415.00
Iowa	5	7	2,263.30	2,305.00
Kansas	6	7	1,633.19	1,365.50
Michigan	5	8	2,100.00	1,080.00
Minnesota	8	11	1,674.50	1,300.00
Missouri	5	6	1,283.50	1,490.00

Nebraska	2	3	799.15	1,060.00
New York	2	2	1,495.00	960.00
North Illinois	8	9	3,732.00	3,140.00
Ohio	3	3	1,400.00	1,190.00
Pacific	6	7	2,033.00	1,790.00
South Illinois	3	4	1,148.90	1,233.00
Texas	4	11	1,270.25	2,761.20
Washington Mission	6	7	2,263.00	2,020.00
West Missouri	1	1	141.50	100.00
Wisconsin	5	7	1,642.20	1,455.00
Montana Mission Territory....	4	8	1,524.28	1,830.00
Canada Mission Territory.....	3	4	1,529.20	1,260.00
Total.....	91	124	\$37,684.80	\$32,966.70

The following churches became self-supported during 1915:

<i>District</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Supported since</i>	<i>Supported with</i>
Indiana	Norwood, O., Salem	1910	\$1,100.00
"	Cincinnati, O., Matthew	1910	1,197.00
"	Latonia, Ky., St. Mark	1907	2,655.05
N. Illinois	Chicago, Ill., Golgatha	1904—09, 1914	1,877.20
Pacific	Los Angeles, Cal., Immanuel	1907	3,410.00
Texas	San Antonio, Tex., Friedens	1900	5,238.00
Wisconsin	Medford, Wis., Evangelical	1902—06, 1913/14	2,554.00

The following were combined with other churches, and are hence no longer supported by the Board:

Minco, Okla., St. Paul's	1909	\$1,538.00
Union, Mo., Zion	1912	357.30
St. Joseph, Mo., St. John's	1903	2,597.20
Lone Tree, Mo., St. Paul's	1908	551.30

Financial Statement

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand February 1, 1914.....	\$ 6,949.02
Free will offerings.....	25,176.14
Interest	1,230.66
Legacies	825.00
Eden Publishing House.....	8,010.00
Notes paid	4,500.00
Returned	757.75
Miscellaneous	169.12
Total.....	\$47,608.69

EXPENDITURES.

Paid to churches and Mission workers.....	\$37,648.80
Traveling expenses	347.40
Printing	556.33
Postage	53.19
Miscellaneous	202.12
Total.....	\$38,807.84
Balance on hand February 1, 1915.....	3,800.85

Fort Collins Academy

(June 15, 1914 to January 31, 1915)

Administration	\$2,012.34
Receipts, 25% of expenses for the academy.....	977.45
Deficit, covered from Home Mission Board Treasury..	\$ 1,034.89

The Immigrant Mission

Chairman, Rev. W. Batz; Secretary, Rev. F. H. Klemme; Treasurer, Rev. W. H. Aufderhaar; representatives from Christ and Concordia churches, respectively (Messrs. J. H. Mattheiss and H. H. Brodt), all of Baltimore Md., Rev. Otto Apitz, Pastor, 1308 Beason St., Locust Point, Baltimore, Md.

During all the fifteen years in which the writer has been engaged in immigrant missionary work he has never begun the writing of a report with such heaviness of heart as comes over him with the writing of this one. Not as tho the report was unsatisfactory, the contrary is rather true for the space of time covered by the report. What makes my heart heavy is the mighty struggle for existence that has been forced upon the German people, the awful world-war that has completely paralyzed our work here. Since August 1914 no immigrants have landed at our pier, but four large German steamships with their crew are interned there.

A comparison with the figures of last year is most favorable, even tho many items cover only the period from Jan. 1, to Aug. 1, 1914. The declaration of war brought everything to a standstill. The money already paid by passengers who expected to go abroad, or to return, had to be returned; the outgoing journey could not be made, and returning tourists could not come via a German line. Most of these were transferred to Dutch vessels, but they will never forget the hardships to which they were subjected. Our beloved President General, a personal friend of our mission, also fell victim to the hardships caused by the war.

The tickets sold, which equal those of the preceding year of twelve months, and the commissions for seven months, which exceed those of the previous year, show that an unusual number of tourists had been coming our way. We thank them cordially for their support, which has helped us to maintain the work thru the many months in which there has been no income.

Until further notice American citizens, or Dutch or Russian subjects who want to go abroad may do so on a Dutch or Russian vessel. Kindly direct all orders or requests for information to the pastor of the mission. The "prepaids", for which friends or relatives were to come from Germany are extended without charge, even beyond a year. Exchange between Germany and the United States has been interrupted since August, 1914. For some time, however, we have been able to send money to Germany, Austria and Switzerland; we can give no assurance in regard to Russia. Since no travelers were to be expected, we dismissed the house-servant usually employed. It did not seem right to keep up this expense under the circumstances, and we personally could not afford it. So far Mrs. Apitz has taken care of the housework alone.

But we have not been idle during all these months; we have in fact, had more work than usual. In addition to the 2,736 German sailors who spent part of their time at the Home from August to January, were added over 1,500 during the following months, and to minister to their physical and spiritual needs, as far as possible, is my daily task, many-sided and often difficult, but fruitful and encouraging in many ways. These men come to our rooms to read, write their letters, and to receive those that come to them in our care. We have the Baltimore and New York dailies, good books and magazines, as well as a good supply of Christian literature; also regular daily devotions and Sunday evening services, and the intercourse with the men offers many opportunities for all kinds of service. Many of them were mustered out, because they did not want to lie idle, so we helped them find work, and were fortunate enough in doing so mostly in the city, not only for the mustered out seamen, but also for a number of others. Altogether the number of those thus cared for runs into the hundreds.

Many others besides sailors also claimed our protection, persons from English ships entering this and other ports, who would have been made prisoners of war if they had been taken to England. Many of them remained with us for weeks and even months, without money or sufficient clothing. Their need was all the greater as it was difficult to secure work and the winter was fast approaching. When the good people of the city learned of our needs, they readily responded with generous aid. Clothing, boots and shoes and underwear was placed at our disposal, so that we were able to help substantially all those who requested our assistance. We were very glad to render such service on

behalf of the Gospel. In addition to this many kind friends contributed gifts in money which enabled us to help in other ways; thousands of dollars have been spent in this service of love and mercy.

Those seamen who had deposited their money with me did well, and it is to be deplored that not all have done so. I know of many who quickly spent their cash possessions, but they, naturally, did not claim my assistance. Those who did come to us are very grateful for the help and protection which our work meant to them.

Besides these social and pastoral duties I have made use of my time by doing work about the Home, making the small but necessary repairs which are noticed by no one but myself, and thereby avoided greater damage and saved many a dollar in wages to workingmen. It is our aim to have the Home in the best of condition when the war ceases and immigration will very likely again set in. We shall be most grateful for any kind of remembrance, both in prayer and by gifts, that we may remain steadfast and that our hearts may be strengthened. Pray for "peace on earth" once more, that missionary work may be carried on to the glory of God in spite of all difficulties.

During the period activity 19,047 immigrants had arrived, 1,220 Germans, 7,582 Russians, 2,153 Austrians and 7,350 Hungarians. The commissions amounted to \$818.00. Guests to the number of 490 were accommodated; 516 night lodgings were furnished, 110 of them free of charge, with 247 free meals.

Financial Statement

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1914.....	\$1,222.20
Commissions	818.11
From the Home	134.25
Interest	283.92
Voluntary offerings, Baltimore and vicinity.....	803.35
Voluntary offerings from churches and individuals..	866.94
Miscellaneous	7.72
Total.....	\$ 4,153.34

EXPENDITURES.

Salary of the Pastor	\$ 840.00
Help	144.20
Immigrant Mission, Bremen, Germany.....	100.00
Maintenance, repairs, improvements, etc	623.77
Total.....	\$ 1,707.97
Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1915.....	2,445.37

Otto Apitz, Pastor.

Rev. Wm. Batz, Chairman.

The Board for Church Extension

Chairman, Mr. Paul Abt, East St. Louis, Ill.; *Secretary*, Rev. F. J. Buschmann, R. R. No. 6, Edwardsville, Ill.; *Treasurer*, F. H. Krafft, St. Louis, Mo.; Mr. H. Huning, St. Louis, Mo.; Rev. Theo. Braun, St. Louis, Mo.

The past year was the twenty-fifth of the Board's work and showed very plainly the far-reaching need of the aid which it seeks to give. A large number of churches who felt the prevailing financial depression most painfully, applied for assistance in building their much needed house of worship, but the limited means available did not permit us to help them, and only one-third of the applications could be considered.

The business depression also rendered the sale of the property of Zion Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., yet more difficult, and it was only very recently that the sale was actually made for \$8,500. Pastor W. Bourquin and a capable attorney friend rendered most valuable services in this connection.

The goal at which the Board has been aiming, a working capital of \$100,000, has not yet been reached, tho it has been brought much nearer.

The vacancy caused by the death of Pastor F. W. Esser has been filled by the election of Pastor Th. Braun of St. James Church, St. Louis.

Financial Statement

RECEIPTS.

Balance, Feb. 1, 1914.....	\$ 4,001.53
Offerings	6,889.64
Payments on loans.....	6,284.25
Interest on loans.....	599.94
Interest on cash balance.....	63.17
Miscellaneous	330.87
Total.....	\$18,169.40

EXPENDITURES.

Loans	\$15,450.00
Traveling expenses and administration.....	113.50
Printing	26.35
Interest	74.00
Miscellaneous (mostly notes paid).....	1,298.15
Total.....	\$16,962.00
Balance Feb. 1, 1915.....	1,207.40

Commission on the Public Welfare

Chairman, Pastor John G. Stilli, 633 E. Market St., Louisville, Ky.; *secretary*, Pastor John Goebel, 11353 State St., Chicago; *treasurer*, Pastor F. Weber, Chicago; Mr. William C. Ruhnnow (St. Peter's Church I),

Chicago; Mr. Fred Kressmann (St. Paul's Church), Chicago; Pastor Alfred A. Meyer, representing the chairman of the Central Board for Home Missions; Pastor F. Holke, chairman of the Board for Charitable Institutions; Pastor F. P. Jens, president of the Deaconess Association.

The second meeting of the Commission was held on March 10 and 11, 1915, at Eden Publishing House, Chicago. The recommendations and resolutions of the 1914 District conferences formed the basis of the discussions.

The chairman was requested to make arrangements for delivering a lecture on social service before the students of Eden Seminary and Elmhurst College. Outside authorities on the subject are also to be sought for the same purpose. The propaganda is also to include essays on social service subjects by the students of both institutions, as well as articles by the officers of the Commission in the denominational periodicals. A pamphlet for general distribution, giving an exposition of the declaration of principles adopted in 1914 is also to be published.

The Commission is firmly convinced that our social problems can be solved only by the Gospel of Jesus Christ in its application to present day conditions. Pastors are earnestly urged to make this application to all social conditions requiring it. It is again urged that social service topics be thoroly discussed at District and pastoral conferences and at Brotherhood and young people's conventions. District social service commissions should be created, wherever this has not yet been done, for the purpose of studying local social conditions and seeking to abolish any social wrongs that may be discovered. All District commissions are asked to report to the Central Commission, so that the latter may fully co-operate with the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America. The Commission gladly recognizes and fully appreciates the local social service work that is being done thru city mission effort and by individual churches and encourages the undertaking of similar work wherever possible.

The Board for Charitable Institutions

Chairman, Rev. F. Holke, 320 N. Green Bay, Rd., Highland Park, Ill.; *Secretary*, Rev. F. Mohme, Kewaskum, Wis.; Rev. G. B. Schieck, San Antonio, Texas; Rev. Paul V. Dyck, Houston, Texas; Rev. F. Baur, Webster Groves, Mo., R. F. D.; Rev. A. Mallick, Detroit, Mich.; Rev. B. H. Heithaus, Marthasville, Mo.

The Board for Charitable Institutions reports this year without having had the usual annual meeting. It was realized that such a report would not be quite satisfactory, but it was also felt that the Board should not cause large expense to the Church for traveling when the denominational purse is so lean as has been reported.

Heretofore the Board has given most attention to the special work of the various institutions placed under its supervision, and to their several needs. It would seem, however, that this was only the first step toward the larger work of preventing the conditions which have been making these institutions necessary. That this phase of charitable effort requires attention is evidenced by the creation of the Commission for Social Service. In view of the fact that the fields of both these bodies overlap to a considerable extent the Districts might well consider the question of consolidating them in the interest of economy and efficiency. The details of organization would not be difficult to adjust.

The reports from the Deaconess Homes are favorable and reassuring. The evidences of growth in several directions are promising. While some of the Homes, for reasons of their own, are confining themselves to hospital work, others are branching out into congregational work, which is quite in order; we trust that others will in time find other specialties that need attention. It would not be a sign of increasing spiritual life in the Church, if we could not say we have gifts differing according to the grace that was given unto us, and if we should neglect the admonition, according as each hath received a gift, ministering it among yourselves, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. The Deaconess Motherhouse is the natural center and starting point of all these several branches, and work in each can well be prosecuted without breaking loose from its firm anchorage. The nursing of the sick is *by no means the only work of the deaconess*, it was not even the first aim of Pastor Fliedner in reviving the deaconess work in Germany, and the ideas and principles laid down by him have been abundantly borne out by later experience in many lands. It is therefore only proper that some of our Deaconess Homes are taking up lines of work which may yield them new recruits for the larger fields of service. There is no reason, for instance, why some of the older girls in our orphans' Homes should not be won for deaconess service, provided they are fitted for it, just as many of the boys are being interested in the ministry. And when we learn that Friedens Church in Chicago, and the Evangelical Social Center at St. Louis are making use of deaconesses in congregational and missionary work, we feel that not only are the blessed results of the work extended and increased, but also that the way is being prepared for a larger and more promising view of deaconess work. According to Fliedner's principles deaconess work was designed to fit into *all the needs of body and soul, social and institutional*, all the more so as some young women who are not so well fitted for nursing have special gifts for teaching or care of children, or for personal evangelistic work among the suffering, the needy, the indifferent, or the irreligious. New deaconess associations have been organized in Cleveland and in Detroit.

The work in the various orphan homes is going its usual quiet and

orderly course. Both at Bensenville and Detroit, where Homes for the Aged and Infirm are connected with the Orphan Homes, the necessity of more buildings for the purpose of separating the two departments is being considered, because of the noisy bustle of the one is unpleasant and inconvenient to the aged and often suffering inmates of the other. The financial conditions are very favorable, considering the high cost of living and the hard times generally which the last year brought.

The work of the Hospitals for Epileptics at Marthasville and St. Charles, Mo., deserves far greater interest and support than it has been receiving. At St. Charles the equipment has been increased by a hospital for infectious diseases, and the erection of Merten Cottage, which offers room for sixty or more women patients and their nurses. The cost of the latter amounts to \$34,000, of which sum nearly \$23,000 was on hand in February. The plan followed last year of sending representatives to some of the District conferences proved very successful in the securing of increased interest and support, and it is hoped that a larger number of District conferences can be visited this year. The venerable Pastor von Bodelschwingh, well known as the founder of work for the epileptic and feeble-minded in Germany, used to say, "These most wretched ones are to us the most precious". Let us make this our maxim and measure our support of this work by that standard.

The Pastors' Home, Blue Springs, Mo., has been enlarged by the addition of another cottage, which is occupied by Pastor J. Frank, who is holding regular services, for which all the residents are extremely grateful. The Board would gladly see this service recognized by pecuniary compensation, say \$100 per year, but is without authority to do so. The friends of the work will know what to do about it, as well as about the other needs of the Home.

Charitable Institutions

in the

German Evangelical Synod of North America

Deaconess Homes

St. Louis, Mo.....	Rev. F. P. Jens, 4117 W. Belle Pl.
Evansville, Ind.	Rev. J. U. Schneider, Ph. D., 116 Lower Sixth St.
Lincoln, Ill.	Rev. C. Hoffmann, 112 5th St.
Faribault, Minn.	Rev. Wm. Meyer, 718 5th Ave.
Chicago, Ill.	Rev. F. Weber, 54th Pl. and Morgan.
Louisville, Ky.	Rev. W. F. Mehl, 219 E. Broadway.
Milwaukee, Wis.	Rev. P. Goldstern, 1029 19th St.
Cincinnati, O.	
Buffalo, N. Y.	Rev. C. G. Haas, 562 Ellicott St.
Marshalltown, Iowa	Rev. K. Rest, 204 S. Fourth Ave.

Emmaus Home for Epileptics and Feeble-Minded

St. Charles, Mo.	Rev. J. W. Frankenfeld.
Near Marthasville, Mo.	Rev. C. F. Sturm.

Orphans' Homes

- St. Charles Rock Rd., St. Louis Co.. F. W. Helmkamp, R. R. 29, Wellston, Mo.
 Hoyleton, Ill. J. H. Koenig.
 Detroit, Mich. Rev. J. B. Meister, 1852 W. Grand Boulevard.
 Bensenville, Ill. Rev. E. Pinckert, Bensenville, Ill.

Homes for the Aged

- St. Louis, Mo. Sister Alwina Scheid, Dayton St. and Jefferson Ave.
 Detroit, Mich. Rev. J. B. Meister (see above).
 Bensenville, Ill. Rev. E. Pinckert, (see above).
 San Antonio, Texas Rev. C. Saenger, R. R. 1, Box 153, San Antonio, Texas.

Pastors' Home

- Near Blue Springs, Mo. Rev. J. Sauer, 5018 Euclid Ave., Kansas City, Mo.

The Board for Foreign Missions

Chairman, Rev. Paul A. Menzel, Washington, D. C.; *Secretary*, Rev. C. W. Locher, Baltimore, Md.; *Treasurer*, Rev. T. Lehmann, Columbus, O.; Rev. H. A. Kraemer, Buffalo, N. Y.; Rev. F. Frankenfeld, Rochester, N. Y.; General Secretary, Rev. E. Schmidt, 1337 Main St., Buffalo, N. Y.; Bethlehem Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., represented by Mr. H. Manrodt; St. Peter's Church, Buffalo, N. Y., represented by Mr. Edwin Cook. General Secretary, Rev. E. Schmidt, 1377 Main St., Buffalo, N. Y.

The War and Our Missionary Work in India

Every friend of our missionary work knows how the European war has profoundly affected the general missionary situation. The words "decisive hour in world-missions", coined by the leader of the World Missionary Conference, has received a significance undreamed of at the time it was first used. All missionary enterprises without exception feel the seriousness of present conditions, and all the workers feel the need of looking, more than ever before, not upon the visible but upon the invisible, and to depend only upon God's gracious help and power. The words of the Apostle, "We are pressed on every side, yet not straitened; perplexed, yet not unto despair", and applied to the present situation by a German missionary leader, find an echo in the hearts of the missionary leaders and workers of all nations. In spite of the very critical conditions all feel certain that even this terrible world-war will not prevent the final Christian conquest of the world.

Apparently this part of God's work on earth is just now undergoing a severe test and trial. Conditions in a large area of the foreign mission field, especially in Africa, are chaotic and alarming. Promising fields, ripe for the harvest, have been ruthlessly devastated by unscrupulous warfare on the part of a nation hitherto considered an ardent pro-

moter of Christian missions, and the laborers placed there by the Lord of the harvest have been led captive. Missionaries who are still at work in their respective fields in China, Japan and the Asiatic islands have been cut off from almost every communication with their home bases and are tiding themselves over, as best they can, till the war is ended.

At home, in consequence, there is uncertainty, doubt, depression. In Europe, as is natural, other matters are uppermost in the minds of Christian people. And here in America, particularly among those who, as we, are in sympathy with the Teutonic allies, voices are heard in word and print, expressing the view that antipathy to England should extend so far as to sever, once for all, our tie of fellowship with English mission-workers and to cease to bring the blessings and culture of Christianity to a heathen people under English rule. And, as a result of such reasoning, some have grown cold toward a cause which at one time was the object of their warmest support. Distinctly, the spiritual poise of many, as regards foreign missions, has been disturbed and needs readjustment.

It occurs to us, that the times of fifty years ago when the German Evangelical Mission Society, out of which our foreign mission work has grown, was organized, were also troublous and uncertain. The Civil War had just come to its close. President Lincoln had been assassinated. A great conflict was preparing in Europe. Financial depression was noticeable at every hand in our own land. And yet, the Mission Society was organized: *born out of the consciousness that God's Kingdom must come and that its coming must be brought about thru those who have faith enough in God to go forward in His name.*

Again, it occurs to us that our own work in the Central Provinces of India has so far been *undisturbed by the European war*. Our missionaries are quietly pursuing their labors, unmolested by any interference on the part of the authorities. Converts are being received, as heretofore, and instructed and established in the Christian faith, in order that they might become saved thru the blood of Jesus and might glorify the King of kings with their life and service. As Paul did not hesitate to bring the Gospel to Macedonia, altho one of the most cruel oppressors of his own race (Antiochus) had been a Macedonian; as he did not withhold the glad message from the Romans, tho Rome had been Judea's conqueror, and fanatical hatred between the two nations was obvious enough;—even so the evangelistic work in India is being successfully done by our missionaries and is being gladly supported by those here at home who love the Master and wish to uplift the fallen, without thought of race antipathy or political adherence.

Prof. Metschnikoff, the world-famous bacteriologist, who is at the head of the Pasteur Institute in Paris, has recently, in a public utterance, emphasized the fact that "the scientific world is not at war," and has pointed to the laboratories of Paris as at work manufacturing a

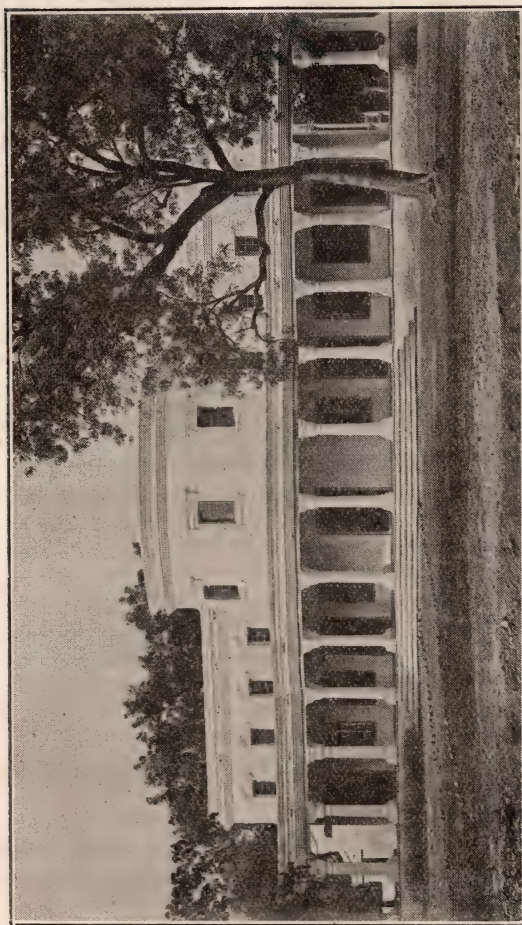
serum against tetanus that was discovered by a German. "Scientists", he says, "*regard political demarkations and designs as too silly to constitute matters of grudge, and the scientific world, after its first shock at the outbreak of the war, is carrying on its international labors without regard to the vicissitudes of states.* Why not substitute "*Evangelical Christians*" for the word "scientists" above and "*The Christian World*" for "the scientific world"? *Should science be broader-minded and more earnestly intent upon helping and healing suffering man than is the religion of Jesus Christ and His followers?*

These and similar considerations, however, need to be applied to us and impressed upon us by Him, whose Spirit alone worketh life and fills the human heart with that love which "hopeth all things and endureth all things"; who conditions His promise "I am with you always" upon obedience shown to His command, "Go ye into all the world and teach **all nations**. For the present even the German missionaries are agreed that God's work must not cease. Whatever questions may arise in the future we must not interfere and demand a solution ere God's hour strikes. Rather does it behoove us to be even more faithful to hold what we have and to save it from the ravages of a world conflict.

If any one, the friends of this cause must be willing to be directed by the Spirit of God. A German writer says: "If God brought about a revival after the war that ravaged European countries a century ago, and if the pagan world did not fail to feel the impact of it then, we believe with the same strength to-day that this hour of darkness will be followed by another day, when all the children of God will labor side by side in peace for the extension of His kingdom." And the London Missionary Society has this to say: "We are being forced to examine ourselves, whether or not we are capable to fulfill the many obligations that the missionary enterprise, God's holy war, requires of us. We need to recognize that *we are still heathens ourselves* and must fight against hatred and pride, against racial prejudices, against intellectual notions, all of which are responsible for this conflict. The armies of the belligerents are battling in a life and death struggle. We ought to be willing to risk our lives for the war that seeks redemption. We must mobilize for peace, the peace with God."

These and other expressions seem to indicate that co-operation will not be altogether impossible after the war has ceased. The leading men in this cause, both here and abroad, are convinced of this and are preparing the way for this.

The effects of the war upon the Indian Christian cannot now be estimated. Some of them now apparent are favorable, others less so. The greater measure of independence which conditions have made necessary in some instances may be very wholesome. Native pastors must now show whether they can be entrusted with a larger measure of responsibility.



The New High School at Raipur, dedicated Aug. 11, 1915



It has become more necessary than ever to distinguish between Christianity and Christians in the message of the Gospel to the Indian Christians. There is much ridicule and reproach to be borne on account of the war among Christian peoples. How shall they reconcile the fact that even missionaries have been called to fight against other Christians with the message of peace and love which the Gospel has come to mean to them? From the missionary point of view the European war is a scandal that cries to heaven.

Ever since the Sultan of Turkey, as the head of Mohammedanism, issued the call for the holy war, the question has often been asked, "What will the 66,000,000 Mohammedans in India do? Will they undertake to throw off the British yoke?" We have good reasons for believing that they will not try to do so; one thing is sure, however, the developments of the war will awaken strong sentiments of sympathy or hatred among the Mohammedans in India, and these may lead to local disturbances. While we have no guarantee for the statement, we do not believe that the Mohammedans in our Chattisghar territory will be drawn into disaffection for the government and cause trouble for our work.

Our missionaries are unable to report facts or conditions, nor are they permitted to express their opinion as to whatever dangers may threaten our work in India. All letters from India pass thru the hands of the British censor and all allusions to conditions resulting from the war, or opinions concerning it, are carefully erased, or the letters destroyed. The letters received from the missionaries tell of their work, and about personal affairs, but of nothing connected with the war. One can read between the lines that they would like to say more than they do, but nothing definite can so far be ascertained.

Our Workers

The number of missionaries, as may be seen from the accompanying table, is the same as last year. The Board had planned to send the *Rev. Ferdinand Schmidt*, but the unsettled conditions due to the war prevented this. After a long inward struggle, and for strong and convincing reasons which the Board was obliged to respect, Pastor Schmidt has now declined to go to India, and the Board has released him for active service in the Synod.

Pastor Nottrott and his family left India on furlough early in 1914. His family spent some time in Europe, while he came to this country for consultation with the Board and for deputation work among the churches. Practically all his time, has been spent in this manner, and altho he earnestly desires to return and is badly needed on the field, it is impossible for him to do so owing to the fact that he is not a naturalized American. Mrs. Nottrott and her daughter have joined him

here during the past summer, and will remain with him until conditions for returning to India are more favorable.

Pastor Nussmann has been obliged to leave India because of a severe throat trouble that made it impossible for him to use his voice. Since July he is undergoing treatment at a Swiss health resort. *Pastor Twente* has temporary charge of Sakti station.

Miss Wobus, who has been in this country on furlough since the early summer of 1914, expects to return to India this winter via San Francisco and Hong Kong, if the passage promised her can be secured. During her stay here she has been very busy representing the work so dear to her in many parts of the country and has made many new friends for herself and the cause. *Miss Rose Baur*, a daughter of Prof. W. Baur, Eden Seminary, who will become Mrs. Koenig upon her arrival in India, expects to accompany *Miss Wobus*.

Pastor Ernest Tillmanns has completed his medical course at the University of Chicago and received his diploma. At present he is serving as an interne at the county hospital, Los Angeles, Cal., and expects to leave for India with his wife this winter if possible.

During *Miss Wobus'* absence *Miss Dieffenthaler* has been in charge of the two schools for girls at Raipur, which has been no small task for her, as her language studies are not yet completed.

The other workers are all at their accustomed places.

Conditions on the Field

It is well to remember that the total failure of crops during 1913 caused a famine in Chattisghar, and if it had not been for the co-operation of the government, relief committees and special contributions for the purpose, much more suffering would have to be recorded. The gifts contributed by Evangelical churches were used to feed the hungry that came to missionaries' doors, and to provide work for the native Christians. The high prices of rice made an increase in the salary of the native helpers necessary. It is to be noted also that some of the receipts from the field (rents) are somewhat lower than in preceding years. The general impression of the workers was that the trying years have been fruitful of many blessings, and we rejoice with them that a satisfactory harvest this year has banished fears for the future in that direction.

The receipts from the field in 1914 amounted to Rs. 17,715.14 (three rupees are usually counted to the dollar). Offerings amounted to Rs. 7,439.46; grant in aid for schools and medicine, Rs. 4,472.28; rent and industry, Rs. 3,031.10; for books and medicine, Rs. 971.12. Medical treatment was issued at the stations to 18,033 persons.

The Christian natives have organized a fund for widows and orphans, and a co-operative loan society for the farmers, both of these existing without any expense to the mission treasury.

Statistical Table of the Mission Stations in India, 1914.

MAIN STATIONS	MISSION WORKERS											SCHOOL CENSUS		CONGREGATIONAL CENSUS										Patients				
	OUT-STATIONS													DECREASE				PRESENT				INCREASE						
	Missionaries	Married women	Unmarried women	Native Helpers	Candidates	Teachers	Women teachers	Bible Women	Colporteurs	Native Physicians	Schools	Pupils	Orphans	Sunday-school pupils	Died	Removed	Dismissed	Total Decrease	Heathen baptized	Christian children baptized	Accessions from elsewhere	Readmitted	Total Increase		Church members	Communicants	Candidates for Baptism	
1. Bistrampur	22	1	1	1	18	—	26	7	6	1	—	11	572	50	688	30	154	15	199	—	75	123	8	206	1,159	633	28	9,613
2. Raipur	18	3	2	2	27	12	42	13	6	2	—	14	969	68	447	8	25	2	35	13	32	29	—	74	740	321	5	1,500
3. Chandkuri	16	2	1	1	18	1	23	4	3	1	—	12	516	58	220	8	2	—	10	1	44	—	—	45	1,414	740	?	?
Leper Asylum.....	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	1	—	1	18	15	237	20	12	2	34	34	3	14	—	51	289	277	50	1,020
4. Parsabhader	1	1	—	—	1	1	36	1	—	—	—	15	947	34	140	3	16	—	19	—	15	11	—	26	204	118	?	?
5. Mahasamudra	8	2	—	—	3	—	14	1	—	1	—	7	423	—	181	3	27	3	33	—	2	20	—	22	41	27	?	3,000
6. Sakti	3	1	1	—	6	—	12	1	—	—	—	5	272	14	159	7	2	7	16	3	23	6	—	32	165	91	9	2,900
On furlough	2	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	18,033
6 Stations. Total.....	68	12	6	6	74	14	154	27	16	5	1	65	3,517	239	2,472	79	238	29	346	51	124	203	8	476	4,012	2,207	92	

Besides the missionaries' conferences an annual conference is conducted by the missionaries with the native workers. At these conferences the whole extent of the work is discussed in all its details, and the reports usually indicate most faithful and helpful conclusions.

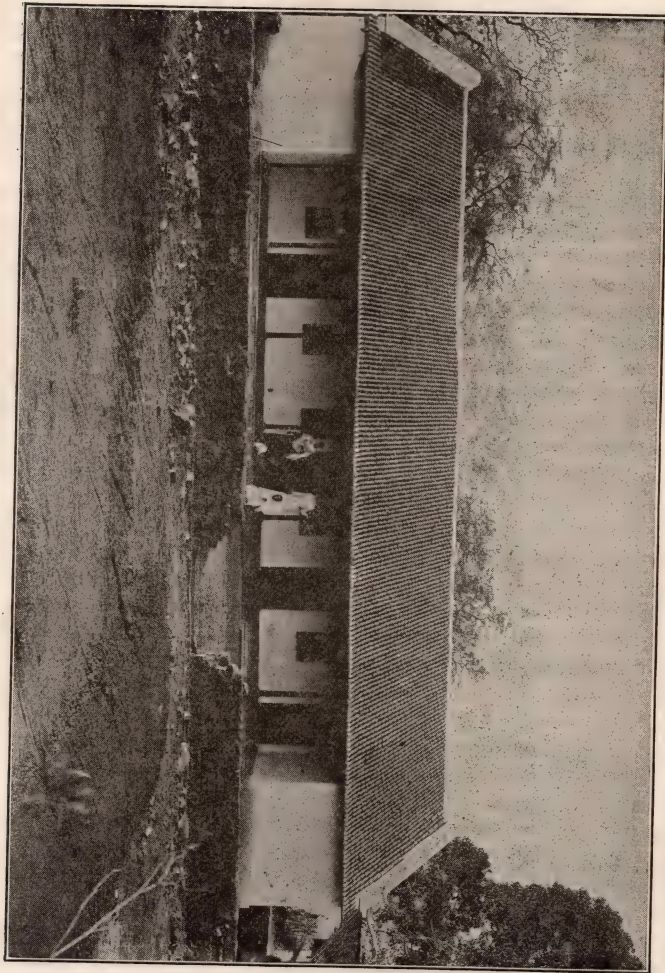
Congregational Life

We have six congregations, without the Leper congregation, which worships by itself. The various villages where we have regular services and which are supplied by catechists number sixty-eight. This is a very small percentage when we consider the 8,000 villages located in our district. Missionary Nussmann sought to establish preaching places at different centers, but found considerable opposition on the part of the village owners. It seems that the schools will have to do the preliminary work to pave the way for more energetic evangelistic labor.

The congregation at Bistrampur lost fifty-four members, caused by removals due to lack of employment. But this decrease was easily offset by the addition of others that came into our district. Fifty-one heathen were baptized in the course of the year, ninety-two are being prepared for baptism. The total number of Christians is 4,012, of whom 2,213 are catechumens.

Our missionaries give us an insight into the spiritual conditions existing in the various stations that is most interesting. Financially most of the converts are independent, as they have work. It requires an abundance of patience to get them away from pagan customs, as so many seem to revert to them rather thoughtlessly. Still an improvement may be noticed, as there are such who pray in the congregation and some of the more experienced Christians never lose an opportunity to testify when they travel or visit their relatives. Some time ago one of our men presented a beautiful little cross to his wife, who used it as an ornament. After a few days she returned it to her husband with the remark: "Now and then I do not do what I should, and when I see this little cross, it worries me, therefore I would rather not wear it any longer about my neck". Are all our Christians at home equally conscientious?

In the village of Raigarh Rev. O. Nussmann had considerable trouble. It belongs to a native ruler and is not within British lines. The catechist in charge of the congregation had grown up there and did not have the necessary influence. The missionary removed him to another station, but this did not suit the Rajah, who refused to give permission to any other man to work in the village. He likewise refused to have a school opened, and this allows some of the Christian children to grow up without the necessary instruction. Some few have been received into the school at Satki, but we did not have room for all. Peculiar conditions exist here, inasmuch as the Christians are not expelled from their caste. This makes it very easy for them to return to heath-



The Koehring Memorial Home for Women

enism. Still we must not forget that the people have been discouraged by their many difficulties, they dare not keep their catechist, they were refused permission to build a chapel. In all these hindrances they see a weakness of the Christian religion. Some of them, however, have been very faithful, even under persecution. One aged mother, who can neither read nor write, knows her Bible and shows her Christian delight by her very eyes.

The Evangelistic Work

Neither the men on the field nor the members of the Board have ever lost sight of the fact that the direct preaching of the Gospel must be the missionary's chief means of advancing the Kingdom. Teaching in schools and industrial efforts are necessary, but they are after all more preparatory for real work. We can assure all of our friends that our men and women on the field lose no opportunity to get into touch with heathen in markets, on streets and in their homes, testifying concerning Jesus, the Son of God, the Saviour of the world. It must be acknowledged, however, that the increase of clerical labors, teaching, building operations, etc., have somewhat decreased their preaching efficiency. This is not a criticism of the workers, but rather as a plea for our people at home to consider enlarging the force, in order that no phase of missionary labor may suffer or need be entrenched. We need *more missionaries* who can go with their catechists from village to village to declare joyfully the glorious Gospel for the salvation of many. The net results of this work may not always be calculated on the basis of figures, but the Lord will not allow His word to return void.

We dare not overlook the fact noticed by some of our missionaries, that on quite a few occasions conversions have been the result of the personal influence of relatives. Rev. J. Gass reports of two families who were induced by their relatives to ask for Christian instruction. This is merely the next step. When the native Christian who have been brought to an understanding of the Gospel become so filled with its power that they will testify among their own, then the number of accessions to the Church will be greatly increased.

Most native workers live where they work. This enables them to look after the Christians, as well as the heathen. In schools they usually take charge of the religious instruction. Each month they are expected to report on their work to the missionary, who gathers them at regular intervals at the station for further instruction and deepening of their own spiritual lives.

More extensive preaching tours were made only in the Mahasamudra and Sakti districts. Pastors Goetsch and Feierabend visited as many as forty villages on one tour. On a second tour, when they were accompanied by Pastor Twente, fifty-nine villages were touched. Of this tour Pastor Twente writes: "In consideration of the fact that there

are hundreds of villages in this section, where a missionary has never been seen, not to mention the fact that they never heard the Gospel, we begin to understand the need for further prayer: Lord, send laborers."

Rev. A. Stoll speaks of his catechists and their evangelistic work in very satisfactory terms. He himself preaches regularly in Raipur, at the Bazaar and in the public hall. It is a sowing in hope.

Our Mission Schools

We have sixty-five schools on the field and 183 teachers, who instruct 3,175 pupils. Several schools had to be closed, some temporarily, others permanently, partly because the number of pupils did not justify a continuance, partly because the village owners would not permit Christian teaching. Pastor Hagenstein opened one new school. He reports as inspector of the schools:

"In fifty-one schools the regular teachers also give religious instruction, in eleven the catechists have charge of this work and in two the missionaries. The average time used for this purpose are about three hours weekly. The examinations showed that the schools were doing rather satisfactory work, as far as the repeated visitations of the supervisor were able to adjudge. There were only 405 girls in attendance, of these 171 were Christians, the total of Christian pupils being 484 out of 3,231.

Sixty schools are elementary or village schools, four middle vernacular, and one high school.

It is the conviction of our school supervisor that we need many more Christian schools if we would Christianize India. The children learn and instruct their parents, high and low caste people mingle.

Rev. J. Gass has this to say about the work in Raipur, especially in the high school: "The number of pupils increased from 743 to 791. In the high school we have three classes and ninety students. The fact that the government has increased its grant in aid, is evidence of the good condition of the schools. The Government grant has been raised from Rs. 660 to 1,000, and for the high school we receive Rs. 2,000 annually. The fees brought us Rs. 5,029. The high school building is completed. Pastor T. Seybold assisted in the work, teaching religion, English composition and grammar.

Our system of education is quite complete, since we are enabled to give our boys even the higher school training. Our own people have been complaining about this lack for some time, but the heathen families likewise appreciate the high school. It is a rather difficult task to bring these young men closer to Christianity. The fruits are not always so evident, but nevertheless we believe that faithful preparation may in due time bring the desired effects. About 200 heathen pupils attend our Sunday-school.

The Training School

Twelve students are taking the course at the present time, instructed by missionaries Gass and Stoll. In 1914 three passed satisfactory examinations and were dismissed into active service. While they may not be unusual lights, still they will spread light with their gifts. They were all good speakers. But they need continued prayer and hearty support. The course extends over three years. Two of the students have been sent from the Kurku-mission and will return to our field after they have completed their work.

Work Among Women

"If India is to be won for Christ, we dare not forget India's mothers, as their influence is mighty," writes Miss Kettler. "The women rule the homes, even tho their position among the Hindus seems rather lowly. In thousands of cases it is in the last resort the interference of a mother that prevents a final decision for Christ. Thus far no other way has been found to reach these mothers and sisters and wives, than by means of visits and the service of love. On the other hand, it is very difficult for these women of India to sever all former connections, therefore we are not altogether discouraged to know of but few conversions. We realize what a power the word of God has. We are content to sow good seed unto the day of harvest, then we will see what has been done". The longer Miss Kettler is privileged to work, the more she recognizes that not only individuals, but families and groups of families will turn unto the Lord Jesus. We had the great joy a short time ago, when one of the families that had been visited regularly by us, took the great step, of seeing the husband and wife and child, besides two other members of the family baptized. On the average ten houses are entered daily. The women in the home receive instruction. Even into Mohammedan homes we secured entrance. The Bible women alternate with the lady missionary in doing this work. They have been very faithful. Rebekah exerts a great influence. Monica is a jewel, found and prepared by our own Mission. Helen and Jamma are young women who have not had much experience, but they are learning for the time to come, when as the wives of catechists they will be stationed on lonely outposts to do their share of the work by getting into touch with the women.

The Koehring Home is finished. It will be a refuge for lonely or forsaken women. Of these we find many in India.

Mrs. Helen Enslin-Sueger is at work with six Bible women, covering Bisrampur, Bhatapara and Sigma. On a tour thru this district she touched fifteen villages. With few exceptions she gains the confidence of the people, and is permitted to speak to the women about Jesus. In many of these places she was the first white woman ever seen there. They were thankful for her visits and sent her many tokens of their

high regard. But Mrs. Sueger realizes that one visit a year is altogether unsatisfactory. It has been her experience that women who have heard the message before are much more susceptible, because they understand far better, especially where our schools have been in progress and have exerted an influence.

Two Bible women, Parania Bai and Roja Bai visited five homes daily, and made 1,212 such visits, reaching every home about twice a month. The work among the Chamar women is much easier because they are not bound by the caste rules as the Hindus, the Mohammedans and Marwari.

In Sigma Rupa Bai and Phulmany Bai are doing good work. In Bistrampur Mrs. Sueger and Magdalen and Naomi are bringing the joyous message to the women. During the rainy season, while travel is impossible, most of the time is spent in teaching these native helpers, so that they may be the better prepared to explain the Bible truths to others.

Miss Anna Jost has been quite a help to her mother in the work among the women at Chandkuri. For the present she will have to remain there as the health of her mother requires this support.

The Leper Asylum

Pastor J. Koenig, the superintendent, reports 351 adult inmates, with fifteen leper children and forty-nine untainted children, who are being educated in a separate section of the asylum. The government has built a special asylum for twenty lepers, who are under the supervision of our missionary. This part is financed by the government, which also assists the missionary to the extent of granting Rs. 8,382. The total expenditure has been Rs. 27,120.49.

The most attractive phase of this work has been the spiritual service. Daily devotion, instruction preparatory to baptism, Sunday services and Sunday-school occupy the missionary's time. Upon the request of some of the lepers a class has been organized for advanced Bible study. This class meets daily. Thirty-two adults and five children were baptized. It is a delight to know that even the inmates of the government section, who come from some of the worst strata of the population are being brought into contact with the life-giving Gospel and some of the men were ready for baptism. The Sunday-school is being attended well, an average of 233, mostly adults. No one is compelled to attend. The congregation pays its own catechist.

The Orphanages

We are caring for 239 children, including the children that are at Raipur and Sakti to find better school facilities. They are the children of catechists and teachers, that live at distant posts. The parents pay a nominal fee. The number of actual orphans includes also the children

that are being cared for at Chandkuri to prevent the spread of leprosy. Mrs. Gass directs the Boys' Home at Raipur, Miss Diefenthaler the Girls' Home at Raipur, Pastor A. Hagenstein the orphanage at Parsabhader, Pastor F. Goetsch both orphanages at Bisrampur, Mrs. Jost the home at Chandkuri, and Mrs. Nussmann had begun to conduct a home at Sakti.

Pastor Th. Seybold is in charge of the students' home, and Pastor Th. Twente is in charge of the hostel at Mahasamudra, the latter institution being entirely self-supporting.

Lately the financial needs of the work have been uppermost in the mind of the Board. Letters and cables from the missionaries have repeatedly urged prompt remittance of funds for their support, as they are in actual need. Their small reserve fund is exhausted, and further credit with their British banker will be refused if the situation is not quickly relieved. The last report of the treasurer showed a shortage of \$9,253.44, which amount should have been in India by July 1, in addition to a deficit of \$4,000 carried over from 1914.

It was to be expected that the unusual number of special appeals during the present year would necessarily affect unfavorably the receipts for missionary purposes, and the Board and the missionaries understood this perfectly and were not expecting to undertake any extension or advancement during the time of the war. But unless there is an immediate and generous response to the Board's appeal we shall not even be able to hold what we have. Our brethren and sisters in India entered this work at the bidding of the Church, confident that the proper support would be granted to them. This support is now lacking, and in a strange country they are facing distress and want. And they have not only themselves and their families to care for, but also seventy-four native helpers, 181 teachers, many other employes, and 239 orphans. Is it not doubly a shame for us, who are partakers of many rich blessings and live in peace, to neglect our own God-given duty and forget our sacred pledges to those of our own household? We simply *cannot* neglect them. We *must* meet our obligations. And, by the help of God, *we can and we will do so!* What say you, dear reader?

Financial Statement

RECEIPTS.

Voluntary contributions	\$43,691.26
From the Mission to Lepers.....	486.62
From the net proceeds of the Publishing House....	400.00
Interest of Funds and Legacies.....	751.46
Toward the expenses of Passion Offering by Home	
Mission Board (2 years).....	411.66
For Printing, Postals and Quarterlies.....	199.55
Deficit	1,857.50
Total receipts with deficit of last year.....	\$47,798.50

EXPENDITURES.

Sent to India for salaries of eleven missionaries, four ladies, eighty-two catechists, 180 teachers, sixteen Bible women, for building, repairs, medicine, etc	\$40,355.08
Paid to K. W. Nottrott, travels at home and from India	398.00
To Miss Graebe, doctor's treatment.....	234.50
For agitations, printing, etc	995.37
Traveling expenses of Board members and others..	705.00
Office expenses of the President, secretary, etc.....	202.24
Paid to Mission to Lepers.....	150.00
Interest on a note at 3 per cent.....	30.00
Salary of General Secretary, rent of office and home	2,198.92
Deficit of previous year.....	2,360.09
Not itemized	169.30
Total expenditures and deficit.....	\$47,798.50

The Board for Ministerial Pensions and Relief

Chairman, Rev. J. Abele, Cook, Neb.; *Secretary*, Rev. A. Dreusicke, Ohlman, Ill.; *Treasurer*, Rev. J. T. Seybold, Hamburg, Iowa; Rev. J. Schoettle, Scranton, Pa.; Rev. O. Press, St. Louis, Mo.; Teacher L. Sae-ger, St. Charles, Mo.; St. John's Church, St. Charles, Mo.; Friedens Church, Milwaukee, Wis.; St. John's Church, Freeport, Ill.

As shown by the report of the treasurer appended hereto, the treasury has not only been able to meet all obligations toward seventy-nine invalids, 152 widows and sixty-seven orphans, amounting to \$20,207.74, but were also able to turn over to the reserve fund the sum of \$8,000.00, so that the total reserve now amounts to \$61,410.46. In addition to this there was a balance of \$3,282.10 on Jan. 1, 1915. The relief Fund receipts for the Relief Fund were \$573.80 more in 1914 than in the year previous. The total receipts for this Fund amounted to \$11,071.98.

For 1915 there have been appropriated \$21,490.00 for the benefit of eighty-four invalids 149 widows and fifty-nine orphans, with additional aid (according to years of service) from the Relief Fund of \$4,994.05.

The estimated appropriations from the Relief Fund for 1915 are \$13,932.70. If the receipts during the coming year do not exceed those for 1914, there will be an income of only \$12,273.99 to meet these appropriations, hence there would be a deficit of about \$1,600. Last year a similar deficit had to be made up out of the reserve fund of \$6,000. If the Relief Fund is not supplied much better than in the past, and if we are obliged to continue this practice, the balance of \$7,968.30 available on Jan. 31, 1914, would be practically used up by the time of the next General Confer-

ence. If we should be obliged to use some of this money to aid semi-invalid pastors, the outlook for the Relief Fund would be yet more serious.

But these fears need not be realized. In fact, it is our business to keep them from being realized. If the receipts for the Relief Fund reach the \$15,000 mark, we shall not only have sufficient funds to meet all our obligations toward the aged and retired pastors to whom our Church owes so much, and to their widows and orphans who may be in need, but we shall also be able to aid them more substantially than last year. No matter what other claims for support may be urged during this Jubilee year, the Fund for ministerial Pensions and Relief must under no circumstances be neglected.

That a considerable number of the younger pastors are not inclined to co-operate, altho their payments are smallest and their benefits greatest in the long run, is no little obstacle to the success of our work. The excuses usually made show little fraternal sympathy and are at the same time unwise. The Pension Fund offers benefits which cannot be secured elsewhere, to say nothing at all of the Relief Fund. The indifference toward the whole work that must necessarily follow if the number of those who have no share in it should keep on increasing, will tend to make it much more difficult to secure the adequate support for the aged servants of the Master who have so large a claim upon our grateful assistance.

Finances

I. The Pension Fund

RECEIPTS.

Dues	\$15,804.35	
Later payments	445.00	
Interest	3,046.80	
Fines	1.75	
Bequests	941.05	
Eden Publishing House	10,000.00	
One-third of Relief Fund Receipts.....	2,000.00	
Total.....		\$32,238.95

EXPENDITURES.

Pensions	\$20,207.74	
Deficit, 1913	44.74	
Repaid	220.00	
Salary account	100.00	
Investments	8,000.00	
Traveling and administration	279.03	
Printing	61.34	
Adressograph	44.00	
Total.....		\$28,956.85
Balance Jan. 31, 1915.....		3,282.10

II. Relief Fund

RECEIPTS.

Balance Jan. 31, 1914.....	\$ 7,968.30
Offerings	11,071.98
From the Pension Fund	280.30

EXPENDITURES.

To beneficiaries	\$ 9,634.22
Salary account	100.00
Investments	6,000.00
One-third of offering to Pension Fund.....	2,000.00
Traveling and administration	279.01
Printing	61.34
Addressograph	44.00
Total.....	\$18,118.57
Balance Jan. 31, 1915.....	1,202.01

The Board for Publications

Chairman, Rev. Th. Oberhellmann, St. Louis, Mo.; *Vice-chairman*, Rev. G. Plassmann, Granite City, Ill.; Mr. Otto Balzer, Zion Church; Mr. W. G. Mueller, Bethany Church, and Mr. Louis Meng, St. Paul's; all of St. Louis.

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The German Literary Committee: Rev. A. Muecke, Garretson, S. D., *chairman*; Prof. W. Baur, Eden Seminary, *secretary*; Rev. K. Wiegmann, Red Bud, Ill.

Under the circumstances prevailing at the close of 1914 our friends will hardly expect us to report an increase in business and profits. The receipts at St. Louis and Chicago are not as large as those of former years. When the unemployment of many of our people in the cities, and the business depression due to the war and other causes is taken into consideration, we almost wonder that the falling-off in our business was not larger. Our trade in Canada has been practically wiped out, and the Christmas trade was seriously crippled by the late arrival, in many instances non-arrival, of many holiday goods imported from Germany.

Owing to the increasing number of Sunday-school papers and helps, many of which do not yet pay their way, and on account of the decreasing subscriptions to the German periodicals, the profits from this source have fallen to the lowest figure ever recorded, \$1,812.95. Nor has this loss been made up by the increasing circulation of the *Evangelical Herald*, largely, no doubt, because of the publication of *Evangelical Tidings*, which entered the field formerly occupied only by the *Herald*, and is rapidly meeting the need in our Sunday-schools and young peo-

ple's societies which the Herald could not and did not aim to fully supply. The papers and Sunday-school helps that have been issued in recent years are *an absolute necessity*, and we are compelled to offer our schools the literature they need if we do not want them to secure it from other publishing houses. On the other hand we have the right to expect that our pastors, Sunday-school superintendents and teachers will now secure *all* their supplies from us, so that the net earnings will again reach their former figure. If we desire a harvest later on we must not sow sparingly now.

The following publications have appeared during 1914: "*Evangelischer Kalender*", 1915; *Evangelical Year Book*, 1915; *Christmas Everywhere*, by Rev. H. Katterjohn; *Apt to Teach*, by Mrs. Emma K. Bomhard. *Evangelical Tidings* appeared with the beginning of 1915, also the *Advanced Quarterly* for the Senior and Adult departments. "*Evangelische Zeugnisse*", a volume of sermons by Dr. L. Haeberle, and "*Geschichte der Evangelischen Synode*", by Pastor A. Muecke, have also appeared and were well received. At the request of a number of churches *Christian Hymns* and "*Singet dem Herrn*" have been placed upon the market combined into one volume. The *Evangelical Teacher*, a monthly journal for every form of Evangelical teaching, but especially adapted for teaching the Bible Story lessons, will shortly be placed upon the market.

The proposed appendix to a special edition of the English Bible (American Standard Revised Version) containing a guide to the principles, teachings and history of the Evangelical Church in America will not be published in that form, as Messrs. Thomas Nelson and Sons declined in that event to permit us to use the material published in a separate volume. The matter prepared for this purpose will shortly be issued in book form. Since several good tracts on Russellism, Christian Scientism and Spiritualism are already on the market.

As our editors were overburdened with proof-reading a professional proof-reader has been employed. Metal ceilings have been put on throughout our building, electric lighting has been supplied for all floors, and a sprinkling system installed. The latter will save us about \$600 per year in the cost of insurance. The books have been revised by expert accountants, who reported "We found the records in very good condition". Mr. Knickmeyer, formerly a member of the Board, has been obliged to resign on account of illness and old age after serving faithfully and conscientiously as head bookkeeper for sixteen years.

The new edition of *Evangelical Hymnal* will shortly appear in print.

The work on the new Book of Worship is continuing as rapidly as possible with the time that the Evansville committee (Dr. J. U. Schneider, and Pastors H. J. Schiek and Paul Pfeiffer) are able to give to the proof-reading, and the great amount of other work that must pass reg-

ularly thru our composing-rooms. We are sure that when the book is completed it will not need to fear comparison with any other book of its kind on the market.

Regular Periodicals

The Evangelical Herald, of course, is *the* paper for Evangelical churches and homes. It offers interesting and wholesome Christian literature, devotional articles, short stories that help and encourage, instructive and descriptive articles on all subjects that concern the thoughtful Christian of to-day, up-to-date reports of all the denominational activities, general missionary and other news concerning the progress of the Kingdom, book reviews, as well as weekly topics for young people's societies and an exposition of the Sunday-school lessons. One dollar per year. **The Evangelical Herald ought to be a regular visitor in every Evangelical home. Copies of three consecutive issues of the Herald mailed free to any address sent in now to Eden Publishing House, 1716-18 Chouteau Ave., St. Louis, Mo.**

Evangelical Tidings is a twelve-page illustrated weekly especially designed to meet the needs of the young people's societies and the Sunday-schools. Adequate space is devoted to interesting and instructive stories, sketches and articles on timely topics, helpful editorials, the treatment of the Christian Endeavor topics, Teachers' Hints for the Bible Story and the International (uniform) lessons, and methods of society and Sunday-school work. *Single copies 60 cents per year; five or more copies, 50 cents. Sample copies free.*

The Evangelical Companion aims to interest the boys and girls of the intermediate grade and to help them grow up into strong, live, loyal Evangelical Christians. Its stories, illustrations, editorials and historical, biographical, missionary and descriptive articles are designed to supply Evangelical boys and girls at this critical age with the best literature to be had for the purpose. *Single copies 50 cents per year; 2-10 copies, 45 cents; 11-25 copies, 40 cents; 26 copies or over, 35 cents. Sample copies free.*

The Junior Friend wants to reach the boys and girls from eight to twelve years of age, with the illustrations, stories and articles best suited to their requirements. It is a weekly paper mailed every month at the rate of *45 cents for single subscriptions; 2-10 copies, 40 cents; 11-25 copies, 35 cents; 26 copies or over, 30 cents. Sample copies free.*

The Children's Comrade has bright, helpful stories and illustrations, and a treatment of the International lessons which makes it especially valuable for the little ones under eight years of age. It is also a weekly, mailed every month. *Single copies, 40 cents; 2-10 copies, 35 cents; 11-25 copies, 30 cents; 26 copies and over, 25 cents. Sample copies free.*

Only Evangelical publications can offer the literature which Evangelical churches need for training Evangelical people, young and old, into intelligent, efficient and loyal Evangelical church members. *Putting Evangelical periodicals into every Evangelical home* is a line of Jubilee service that especially comends itself to earnest and active Evangelical people at this time.

Sunday-school Helps

The Bible Story Lessons follow the order of the Bible narrative, giving the truths and facts of Bible history in the order in which God has revealed them. They are uniform with the Bible story text-book used in confirmation instruction, and give full consideration to the Christian Year.

The elementary, or **Bible Story Quarterly**, with the explanations graded for the Primary, Junior and Intermediate departments, is sold for three cents per quarter, or twelve cents per year, regardless of quantities.

The Advanced Quarterly, following the same general line of Bible study, but giving more consideration to the deeper structure and teachings of the Bible and to Church history, are adapted to the needs of the Intermediate and Senior grades. The price is fifteen cents per year, regardless of quantities. Samples of both quarterlies are sent free to all who request them.

Colored lesson pictures and a Picture Roll are also supplied with the Bible Story Quarterly, the former at three cents per quarter, or twelve cents per year, the latter at three dollars per year.

The need of special teaching helps for the Bible Story lesson has been widely felt and is to be met, with the beginning of 1916, with the publication of the **Evangelical Teacher**, a monthly magazine devoted to every kind of Evangelical teaching, with especial emphasis on the Evangelical Bible Story lesson course. Single copies, 60 cents; 5 or more to one address, 50 cents each. Advance copies of the *Evangelical Teacher* are being mailed to all pastors for use in their Sunday-schools, and it will pay Evangelical Sunday-school workers to watch the forthcoming issues of the *Herald* and the *Tidings* for further particulars.

In addition to the above a complete line of quarterlies for the International Uniform lessons (Junior, Intermediate, Senior and Home departments, with lesson pictures and picture roll), all with special Evangelical supplementary material, is also published.

Address all orders, remittances, requests for information, sample copies, etc., to

Eden Publishing House, 1716—18 Chouteau Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

On March 9, 1915, the circulation of the various periodicals was as follows:

	1914	1915
Friedensbote	30,129	29,953
Magazin fuer Theologie und Kirche.....	705	662
Evangelical Herald	5,377	5,388
Jugendfreund	5,338	5,077
Christliche Kinderzeitung (1st of the month).....	19,833	18,947
“ “ (15th of the month).....	15,674	14,755
Evangelical Companion	13,493	13,724
The Junior Friend	3,260	4,206
Unsere Kleinen	8,955	8,114
The Children's Comrade	6,496	7,206
Evangelical Bible Story Quarterly.....	2,758	7,181
Evangelical Bible Story Quarterly (German).....	8,778	12,640
Advanced Quarterly	—	1,097
Bible Story Lesson Pictures.....	787	3,022
Bible Story Lessons Pictures (German).....	1,080	3,814
German lesson helps (International).....	25,034	20,344
Senior Evangelical Lesson Quarterly.....	5,179	5,010
Intermediate Lesson Quarterly	12,113	11,893
Shorter Junior Lesson Quarterly.....	3,546	3,997
Home Department Quarterly.....	2,187	2,841

Financial Statement

RECEIPTS.

Balance Feb. 1, 1914.....	\$ 2,031.65
Accounts	112,823.49
Cash sales	12,728.72
Interest	176.79
Chicago branch	13,300.00
Total.....	\$141,914.15

EXPENDITURES.

Stock	\$ 34,810.37
Freight, express and postage.....	4,298.33
Salaries, wages and current expenses.....	18,557.71
Printing paper	14,867.20
Periodicals	12,484.43
Advertising, catalogs, etc.	2,464.25
Composition, printing and binding.....	28,568.13
Improvements	789.70
Repairs	598.62
Equipment	1,046.88
Turned over to General Treasurer.....	20,000.00
Total.....	\$139,339.12
Balance Feb. 1, 1915.....	2,575.03

The Christian Education of the Young

A. Week-Day School Section

Chairman: Pastor M. Schroedel, Hoyleton, Ill.; *Secretary:* Prof. A. Schoppe, Millstadt, Ill.; *Treasurer:* Mr. A. Keller, 5004 Lincoln Ave., Chicago, Ill.

The Work of the Board

The annual meeting of the Board took place at Elmhurst College, which was opportune in so far as it made it possible for the members to have the benefit of the counsel of the college instructors, and also to address the student body upon the importance of a proper education of the young.

In the effort to meet the demand for a study program for parochial, Saturday and summer schools and for the instruction of confirmands the Board has prepared a complete outline of a course of study to meet these requirements and expects to publish it in pamphlet form within a very short time.

During 1914 533 pastors taught week-day school and 758 gave catechetical instruction. The number of men and women teachers was 136; that of all scholars 17,903, and of all confirmands 9,773. While the decrease of confirmands continues the number of pastors having catechetical instruction has increased.

The number of parochial school teachers has not materially changed, the only difference being that many have changed from the longer term of winter school to the shorter term of summer and Saturday school. The teaching force as a whole has even grown larger. The vacancies which occurred have been filled by women where men were not available. The two teachers who graduated last year found positions, one as assistant teacher in the Salem school, Quincy, the other as teacher at Davis, Ill. At Elmhurst five students are now preparing to become parochial school teachers.

A movement is in progress among the Churches and religious organizations of the country aiming at the introduction of religious instruction into the public school during school hours, and also at influencing the conduct of the public school thru the Church.

Something has already been achieved. In twelve states the reading of the Bible in the public school is required by law; in twelve others it is permitted at the discretion of the school authorities. In fourteen states the reading of the Bible in the public school depends entirely upon the local school board, and in eleven states the Bible cannot be read in the public school if there is any protest. Where the reading of the Bible is permitted it must be limited to ten minutes and must be without comment, which cannot be regarded as satisfactory. In regard to the movement to secure Wednesday afternoon for religious instruction in the various churches, the General Secretary of the Religious Education Association writes: "So far as I know little or no progress has been

made in the Wednesday afternoon plan. In fact, I am inclined to think that its advocates have practically abandoned it." The committee of the Federal Council having the matter in charge has not, however, given up hope of getting some results.

In closing we would call attention to the importance of prayer and intercession for the great task of Christian education of the young, both in the Sunday services and on other occasions. This is the best means of helping the frequently tedious work of the teacher and in addition to the annual school sermon at the same time the best means of agitation. Of the constant prayer for the children, the teacher and the parents it may also be said, "Constant dripping wears away the stone," and "The earnest prayer of the religious man availeth much."

The relationship with the Central Sunday-school Board, according to which the work of both Boards is to be regarded as one field, in two sections, is being continued by correspondence and interchange of delegates at the respective meetings.

School Societies and Mission Schools

School societies consisting of interested individuals and engaged in the promotion of week-day educational work exist in the Missouri, North Illinois and South Illinois Districts. They meet during their respective District conferences and the Board is deeply interested in their progress.

Altho German immigration from Germany itself has been constantly falling off, the immigration of Germans from other countries, notably from Russia, has been growing in recent years, and there is a persistent demand among them for parochial school instruction. On the occasion of the Board meeting the members visited Gary, Ind., where an earnest and active mission congregation is being built up. The urgent desire of the people for a parochial school is being met by the pastor, and the Board decided to help by appropriating \$60 for school equipment and supplies. A larger school building is also needed, and it is hoped that the school societies and the friends of Christian education in other Districts will be ready to assist these efforts.

In a number of instances, notably in the larger cities, the all-the-year-around schools have been turned into short-term (summer or Saturday schools). The number of teachers shows an increase, women teachers having been added where men were not available. The practical difficulties in the way of teachers' meetings in the various Districts are not easy to solve and most attempts to secure them have not been successful. It has been impossible to secure a general meeting of the teachers as planned at the last General Conference, and the idea may have to be abandoned. The funds on hand for this purpose might be used to advantage by the Board if the proper action on the part of the Districts can be secured.

Not much progress can be reported in the way of religious education during the public school period, and it is doubtful whether any generally satisfactory way of solving the problem of religious influence on the public school can be reached. The importance of the home as a factor in the religious education of the child needs to be more earnestly insisted upon, and Saturday and Summer Schools will also be found very useful in reaching a larger number of children.

Financial Statement

RECEIPTS.

Balance Jan. 1, 1914.....	\$254.26
Offerings	60.72
Eden Publishing House	80.00
Total.....	\$374.98

EXPENDITURES.

Printing	\$ 3.68
Traveling expenses and administration.....	26.29
Total.....	\$ 29.97
Balance Jan 1, 1915.....	345.01

B. The Sunday School Section

Chairman, Rev. Paul Pfeiffer, 505 Jefferson Ave., Evansville, Ind.; *Secretary*, Rev. W. F. Simon, Ph. D., 1115 Victor St., St. Louis, Mo., *Treasurer*, Rev. C. L. Langerhans, Addieville, Ill.; Rev. E. Gehle, 4211½ North Ave., Milwaukee, Wis., Home Dep't. Superintendent; Rev. Paul Buchmueller, Marine, Ill., Superintendent of Teacher-training; Rev. Theodore Mayer, *General Secretary*, 1716—18 Chouteau Ave., St. Louis, Missouri.

There can be no doubt that Evangelical Sunday-school work, due to the faithful and conscientious efforts of able pastors and efficient workers, is bringing better results from year to year. The important place which Sunday-school work of the right kind can be made to occupy in our scheme of Christian education is also becoming more and more apparent. The Word of God must be at the center of all Sunday-school work, and no instruction which does not aim at grounding the student more deeply in its eternal truths should have a place in any Evangelical school. The reports the Board is receiving from all parts of the denominational field indicate that these principles are being put into practice, and that the churches themselves are being greatly blessed thereby.

The different members of the Board, individually and collectively, have sought to increase and enlarge these results as far as possible. Three meetings were held at St. Louis since the last report, one in July, 1914, another in February, 1915, and the third in September, 1915. Once each year the representatives of the District boards are invited to meet with us, and a goodly number has taken advantage of the invitation.

These meetings are very valuable to the Board as well as to the men from the Districts. Some members of the Board have been able to visit conventions and institutes in various parts of the Synod. Prof. S. D. Press is a member of the International Lesson Committee, and the Board has also been represented at the meetings of the Sunday-school Council of Evangelical Denominations. Both connections have been both profitable and honorable.

The Board is glad to be able to announce that it was at last possible to call the long-needed General Secretary. Pastor Mayer entered upon his duties with May 15, 1915, and has been very diligently at work representing the Board at conferences and conventions, attending to a large and important correspondence and getting out a number of much needed leaflets on different phases of our Sunday-school work. He has taken hold of his work in a business-like and efficient manner, and is always ready to address conventions and institutes, assist in planning ways and means for more efficient Sunday-school work, and give counsel or information to all who address him. One District Sunday-school convention has pledged a sum of money from which the secretary's salary can be paid for two years.

The star achievement of the Jubilee year was undoubtedly the Summer School of Methods held at Elmhurst College, July 21—29, 1915. Those who had the privilege of attending the school even for only a few days could not help but come to the conclusion that the Summer School was one of the best and biggest things that ever happened to the Evangelical Church. We have every reason to be proud of the 250 young people—the young in years and the young in spirit—who came to Elmhurst from fourteen Districts to take advantage of the opportunities, as well as of those who made the opportunities possible. The school was entirely an Evangelical product; the Evangelical note rang true from start to finish, and there was no mistaking the new spirit of Evangelical efficiency that predominated everywhere. The vision and inspiration which the members of the faculty gave to the earnest and intelligent students promised a new kind of Evangelical leadership that is bound to make itself felt in the working out of the various problems which the Church is facing.

About one-half of those who enrolled were present full time, and 109 of these took the examinations. Of these sixty-two came out with first honors, while nine others passed with one hundred per cent. The fact that the school could be housed in the college buildings also served to bring this institution more vividly before the minds and hearts of the churches represented, and the hospitality and kindly assistance which the college authorities and the members of the faculty and their families willingly contributed is sure to be amply repaid in a deeper interest and loyalty to the institution and its growing needs. That the college treasury has some \$300 on the right side of the ledger as a result of its

kindly co-operation, and that a neat margin is also assured for the Central Sunday-school Board only adds to the general satisfaction.

At the suggestion and call of the Central Sunday-school Board and the Periodical Commission a special lesson committee met at Eden Seminary, August 31—September 2, 1915, for the purpose of grading the Bible Story Lesson Course and to plan for the necessary helps. The work done at that meeting will, we trust, add greatly to the efficiency of Evangelical Sunday-schools in the training of Christian character.

In regard to statistics it may be interesting to know that in 1,234 Sunday-schools 12,354 teachers are instructing 122,306 pupils. The superintendent of Teacher-training reports that during 1914 ninety-five certificates and fifteen diplomas were issued for the German course, a very small percentage of the still large number of German Sunday-schools. English diplomas to the number of sixty-seven were issued. Twelve seals were sent out during the year to those who had completed the International course.

In order to realize the motto of our Sunday-school work, "The entire congregation in the Sunday-school; the entire Sunday-school in Church", the Board recommends very strongly the organization of adult Bible classes and a Home Department in every Sunday-school. Complaints about the decadence of the family altar are heard on every side, and experience shows that these institutions have been great aids in establishing family devotions. The experiment is certainly worth trying.

In 1916 we hope to have the first national Evangelical Sunday-school convention in connection with the national Evangelical League convention at Cleveland.

Financial Statement

RECEIPTS.

Balance Jan. 1, 1914.....	\$1,194.55
Atlantic District	100.00
Indiana "	213.71
Iowa "	—
Kansas "	—
Michigan "	25.00
Minnesota "	—
Missouri "	212.25
Nebraska "	15.00
New York "	—
North Illinois District.....	32.51
Ohio District	71.34
Pacific District	—
Pennsylvania District	55.00
South Illinois District	80.00

Texas District	_____
West Missouri District	20.55
Wisconsin District	_____
Colorado Mission District	_____
Washington District	_____
General Treasurer	118.57
Certificates	19.40
Interest	27.33
Miscellaneous	1.40
Total.....	\$2,186.61

EXPENDITURES.

Traveling expenses of Board members.....	\$ 136.00
Administration	34.56
Printing	140.48
Convention reports	8.00
Sunday-school Council (incl. minutes)	35.00
Elmhurst College library	17.05
Elmhurst College prize essays.....	3.10
Registration at Chicago convention.....	9.00
Electros	7.50
Pastor H. Katterjohn	100.00
Miscellaneous	2.50
Total.....	\$ 493.19
Balance Jan. 1, 1915.....	1,693.42

The Evangelical Brotherhood

President, Dr. E. A. R. Torsch, 714 Starks Bldg., Louisville, Ky.; *Vice-president*, Mr. Adam L. Rau, P. O. Box 612, New Orleans, La.; *Secretary*, Mr. John C. Fischer, 819 Blackford Ave., Evansville, Ind.; *Treasurer*, Mr. W. C. Hazelbeck, 819 Gallia St., Portsmouth, O. Members of the executive committee: Mr. Albert Bischoff, Burlington, Iowa; Mr. Carl Seidler, Washington, D. C.; Pastor Theo. F. Bode, Buffalo, N. Y.; Pastor J. Pister, Chicago, Ill; Mr. Anton Roesch, St. Louis, Missouri.

In September, 1913, at the meeting of our General Synod, the authority was given to those interested to form an Evangelical Brotherhood to represent all men of the churches of our denomination in North America, upon this authority the temporary organization was perfected in the same month and year.

The plan of organization is simple enough but for the enlightenment of those not familiar this should be said: The national organization known as the "Evangelical Brotherhood" consists of and recognizes, in the first place, District federations made up of the brotherhoods in a given District; when, however, no District federation exists, then local

federations, made up of the brotherhoods in a certain city or its vicinity, become members, and in such locations where not sufficient brotherhoods are organized to have either a local or District federation then the individual organization applies for membership direct to the national organization, it being the purpose of the national organization to do its work thru the officers of the smaller federations.

A year after the formation of the temporary organization a convention was called and held in Evansville, Indiana, October 6—8, 1914, to which all brotherhoods and men's organizations were invited to send delegates.

This convention was primarily held to give direction to the work and to establish principles which would guide the great mass of Evangelical men. In both these fundamental requirements the convention was eminently successful.

There were present 260 accredited delegates and many visitors, representing a membership in brotherhoods and men's societies of over 4,200 men. Since that time the number of those affiliated with the central organization has been greatly increased, in fact it is practically certain that the number has more than doubled. So the membership of brotherhoods thruout our Synod, i. e., those affiliated and those not affiliated with the Evangelical Brotherhoods, would approach the number of 10,000 men. These figures are estimated, however, since accurate statistics have not been gathered.

Since the convention in 1914 one strong local federation has come into existence, namely the St. Louis Federation, composed of fourteen brotherhoods with over 800 members.

This means a mighty army which is linked together with bonds of brotherhood and sealed with a desire for Christian service. We are looking forward to the advent of the second convention to be held in 1916; the place is unknown at this time, but this is known, that a determined effort is going to be made to make it worth while any man's time to travel miles to attend its session.

Respectfully submitted,

E. A. R. Torsch, President.

The Evangelical League

President, Rev. W. N. Dresel, 31 L. Third St., Evansville, Ind.; *Vice-president*, Rev. Paul Moritz, Independence, Mo.; *Corresponding Secretary*, Miss Anna Rahe, 548 East Drive, Woodruff Pl., Indianapolis, Ind.; *Recording Secretary*, Rev. Aug. Ruecker, A. M., B. D., 1000 E. Ohio St., N. S., Pittsburgh, Pa.; *Treasurer*, Mr. Reinhold J. Tietze, 2622 Indiana Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

Evangelical Tidings is the official English journal of the Evangeli-

cal League, and every local League should therefore subscribe for at least five copies.

The task of collecting the \$10,000 pledged to the educational institutions is in the hands of the benevolence committee which elected *Pastor J. W. Frankenfeld* as collector and treasurer. All money intended for this purpose should be sent to Pastor Frankenfeld, St. Charles, Mo., and *not* to the treasurer of the Evangelical League. If all our young people would contribute *thirty cents each* for this cause the \$10,000 would soon be together. Since experience shows, however, that not all members will take part in such a collection, it will be best to have the District Leagues instruct their societies to collect fifty cents per member. We should very much like to close this collection by December 1st.

The officers of the Evangelical League would like to have the following principles recognized and realized among the young people of our Church:

1. A young people's society is an organization formed especially for the purpose of instruction, devotion, and inspiration to regular activity in the service of Christ and the Church. Literary societies and church choirs, often regarded as satisfactory, could easily be made the starting point for a Christian young people's society, where no such organization now exists. Every church should secure its own future activity in the service of Christ and the Church.

2. It is our aim to affiliate all the young people of our churches with a local league, and to organize all local leagues into District Leagues. That the District Leagues should not be independent of the National League ought to be self-evident. If all our young people were thus systematically organized in and for the Church, it would be much easier for the National League and the District Leagues to undertake definite tasks and aims. Where are the 11,000 young people confirmed every year in our churches? Only a small percentage is represented in the 32,000 members of the 708 societies. Thru energetic and systematic work on the part of the societies and the pastors the total number of societies and members would soon be greatly increased.

The seriousness of the time in which we live demands of our young people a diligent study of God's Word, a clear and firm living faith and a devoted service. The Evangelical League is making a serious effort to realize these lofty aims among the young people of our Church, in order to train a strong, useful generation of future members capable of meeting the larger problems they will be called upon to face. The League therefore claims a larger share of intelligent recognition, interest and intercession on the part of our pastors and people.

Since the sixth annual convention at Louisville, in the summer of 1914, increased activity has marked all departments of the Evangelical League. The inauguration of special committees has given direc-

tion to the work of a larger body and emphasized the efforts of local societies.

Very successful District league conventions were held during the year and bode well for a continued expansion of the work along educational and religious lines.

The seventh national convention has been invited by the thirteen societies of Cleveland, Ohio, and will be held in that city August 15—20, 1916. It is to be marked by special work to be done for local societies and their officers and committees. It will be intensive instruction rather than extensive presentation of general principles and ideals. In connection with this convention for the young people will be held the first national convention of the Sunday-schools of our Church. Both conventions will bring to the city of Cleveland a great host of our young people and will prove a demonstration of the future growth and power of our Church.

Active arrangements are being made for the campaign to raise a \$10,000.00 fund, pledged at the Louisville convention for the educational institutions. Owing to the Jubilee offering for the Church during 1915, this special canvass among our young people will be conducted during the fall and winter of 1915 and the spring of 1916. It is hoped that the young people thruout the Church will rally enthusiastically for this cause.

Mutual Church Insurance

Chairman, Mr. J. R. Dustmann; *Rev. K. Scheib*, *vice-chairman*; Mr. John Blaul, *treasurer*; Mr. John Zurawski, *general secretary*, all of Burlington, Iowa.

That the amount of insurance written by the Association has increased more than five million dollars during the past year, and also that the losses to be paid were, with few exceptions, very small, is a cause of no little satisfaction. If we could prove to *all* our churches that our insurance is the very cheapest insurance possible, we might hope to induce all churches, pastors and teachers to take out insurance policies with us.

The churches who refuse to take out insurance in our Association are of three kinds: 1) Those who cannot do so because their creditors demand insurance in a commercial company. There are only a very few of this class. 2) Those who think they can insure more cheaply in some other mutual association, altho the rate they pay is nearly as much per hundred as we ask per thousand. 3) Those who object to the stipulation that the spire must be insured separately, and to our practice of paying only one-half of the actual damage. It should not be forgotten that the Association insures practically nothing but church buildings, many of which have high and expensive spires, which cannot be re-

paired without expensive scaffolding. The above stipulation equalizes the damage done to different kinds of spires and is also a chief reason for our low assessments.

One of our churches paid \$209.00 for three years' insurance in other companies, who paid spire damage in full, as against \$93.50 for six years' insurance in our Association. No wonder other companies can afford to pay in full the damages done to the comparatively few spires they insure, as well as large commissions to agents and high salaries to their officers. The administration of our Association, including all salaries and the expenses of all District secretaries, amounts to barely one per cent of the income.

Policy holders should not neglect to notify the general secretary of every change of residence and secure the necessary permit, without which the insurance is void. The Association is entitled to full information as to any change of residence, and is not obliged to accept risks that seem to be too great. The fact of removal must be noted on the policy in order to keep it in force, and the Board of Directors regards it as its duty to decline to pay damages occurring in another place than that appearing on the policy.

The receipts and expenditures were as follows:

Financial Statement

RECEIPTS.

Balance Jan. 1, 1914.....	\$2,847.17
Fees	1,081.68
Assessments	6,082.18
Interest	76.10
Total.....	\$10,087.18

EXPENDITURES.

Losses paid	\$3,141.41
Administration	107.70
Printing	128.59
Adjuster	10.00
Office furniture	33.00
Miscellaneous	87.69
Salaries	200.00
Total.....	\$ 3,708.39
Balance Jan. 1, 1915.....	6,378.79

Damages for loss from fire was paid to eight churches, amounting in the aggregate to \$1,594.20. Ten churches sustained loss by lightning to the extent of \$420.07. Eighteen churches were damaged by storm to the amount of \$1,127.14. During 1914 409 new policies were written in all the Districts with insurance amounting to \$1,165,489.00. The total number of policies now in force is 1,798, with insurance amounting to \$5,094,630.05.

The Auditing Committee

Chairman, Rev. W. F. Mehl, Louisville, Ky.; *Secretary*, Rev. A. Goetz, Buffalo, N. Y.; Mr. W. H. Vollmer, Chicago, Ill.

The Auditing Committee has examined the different treasuries of the Synod, a task which required four entire days, and found all of the books well kept.

The men who have charge of our various treasuries deserve our fullest appreciation. Some of them must, in order to do justice to their duty, give a great deal of time and effort to the work. This is especially true of our worthy General Treasurer, who handles a vast amount of work every day. True, he has no church to serve, and he is "paid" for his work. But few of our people know, however, that the work requires the attention of two and sometimes three persons. And when the further fact is taken into consideration that the General Treasurer pays his own rent out of his salary, neither his work nor his pay seems enviable.

The Board of Educational Institutions should not only prepare a budget at the closing of every year, but also propose ways and means for raising the money needed for the support of the institutions. Why should it not be possible, for instance, to induce some hundreds of our churches to raise the cost of tuition and board for one student in addition to their annual Reformation Day offering? Two hundred churches contributing \$100 each would in this way raise the income of the Board by about \$20,000.

In regard to the general finances of the Synod we would recommend that *all* money for *all* branches of the denominational work should go thru the hands of the General Treasurer, who would then make a monthly settlement with the various sub-treasuries. We recommend this for the following reasons:

1. The financial system of the Synod would be simplified.
2. Several subtreasurers endorse the plan.
3. The treasurers of the Boards would save time and money.
4. The double check system could be introduced.
5. The General Treasurer could then give a clear and complete summary of all the denominational finances every year.

According to a resolution of the General Conference the Board for Trust Funds is required to invest the funds at its disposal in first mortgage real estate bonds. The treasurer, however, very often has only smaller amounts at hand, for which bonds of this kind cannot be had, and as a consequence these sums do not yield interest. We should therefore recommend that the Board for Trust Funds be permitted to invest such sums at its discretion.

His Home-Coming

FROM THE GERMAN OF FRIEDRICH JACOBSEN

He was a famous alienist, and those who considered themselves well-posted counted him among the great lights of science.

Upon the pitiable creatures who were brought to him—not one of them came voluntarily, but there were very many of them—he laid his hands, not like the Great Physician of long ago, but in order to learn the structure of the skull and discover therefrom the irregularities in the substance of the brain. Then he would gaze into their restless, glassy eyes, and people said that he could read the very depths of the soul.

But he only smiled at such nonsense, for he did not believe there was a soul.

In the very prime and midst of his busy and successful career he suddenly felt as tho something laid a hand upon him, in the very same way as he was accustomed to lay his hands upon his patients, only it was invisible, mysterious, and therefore terribly depressing.

At first he took it for a mere mood that would pass away. It was not long, however, before he seemed to feel that his thoughts were less subject to his will, than formerly, that they seemed to stray away from the straight and well-ordered path of reason. Not, or not yet, into the night, but into a dim, uncanny twilight.

This observation—for the physician was still supreme—was all the more inexplicable as his family was untainted by anything of this kind, nor had there been any kind of dissipation in his past life. He could even pride himself on the manner in which he had succeeded in distributing toil and recreation during his active life, so that not a single scientific cause could be made to account for his case.

And yet he gradually felt himself as an inmate of his institution, rather than the head, which he still was in name. One of his colleagues to whom he unburdened himself advised him to drop his work for a while and go upon a prolonged journey.

"We must not play with the ghost of our age," he said. "We think we have mastered him, as the lion-tamer thinks he has mastered the beast in his cage, and yet, when we least expect it, it jumps upon us. You have gazed at the beast too long; go out of its way, for it is getting ready to jump."

"Is that your whole explanation"? the learned man had asked; and the other had replied: "The diseases of a certain period have their source not in the individual, but in the mass; they are in the air, as it were. I have given up seeking their final cause".

The professor felt that he would like to go home.

He could not account for the feeling, for there was hardly a memory that could have made him long for the lonely village on the moor.

True, his mother was buried there, but she had died so early in his youth that not even a shadow of her picture remained with him. The few playmates of his childhood had probably gone away, as he had done, for there was nothing to do but dig for peat and gaze upon the brackish waters of the moorland.

"That may be dangerous" the professor had once said jocularly, and now he himself was on his way to the deep, dark swamplands which he called his home.

After a long railway journey he left the last station and wandered off into the fields. What seemed to be storm clouds were rising from the mists of the evening, but the quiet of the autumn atmosphere was still upon the landscape, and the dead leaves were silently falling to the ground from the scattered and stunted trees which he passed. The flowers had all faded and the juniper bushes were bare. The stubby grass became scarcer as he walked on, and soon the sandy soil he trod began to yield softly beneath his feet.

He was walking the moorland now, and on both sides of the path were pools of water glimmering strangely in the twilight, while stunted willows sent their long shoots upward like fierce Gorgo heads with serpents for hair. Now and then the professor stood still and pushed his cane into the soft black soil.

"There is no bottom", he said, "even as our life is without cause or reason", and his eyes wandered over the willow trees around him whose trunks exhaled a dim phosphorescent light.

"It is the decaying wood", he said to himself, "we know all about it. Only the ignorant talk of ghosts. But there is a ghostly atmosphere about the trees, like some of the thoughts that arise out of the bottomless depths of life and stare at us from the solitude. The trees should be cut down and destroyed."

With the night wind that now arose came also a weak and uncertain moonlight. It seemed to wander about thru the gathering gloom as tho it sought a place of rest, but could find none on the scattered water pools on which its rays fell. Its trembling rays seemed like a wandering, storm-driven soul that could find no haven of refuge, even tho it might seek to hide itself in the very depths.

"I know what it is", said the doctor, but the sound of his own voice made him tremble. "Most of those who are brought to us have this longing for rest. And according to the law we must assume the role of the water, we must drive the dying light back into the darkness with padded cells and guards and straight-jackets. It is a cruel and a foolish task which I shall no longer take upon myself".

And then he had to remind himself of what had brought him to this place—yes, it was the yearning for home.

Like a vision of prehistoric pile-dwellings the village suddenly rose up before him in the gloom, almost as the invisible hands had unrolled the level surface of the moor and lifted a long forgotten world up into the night wind. In the midst of the straggling group of straw-thatched huts the spire of the village church arose, like a gaunt finger pointing heavenward, and the professor could hear the low creaking of the weathercock almost as soon as the spire came into view. He walked around the silent village and stopped before a low wall of sod and rocks.

At first he had planned to call on the pastor and ask for a night's lodging, but now it seemed impossible for him to disturb the peaceful slumber of people who were utter strangers to him, just because he had been born within these walls more than forty years ago. There was no tavern among the twenty odd huts that made up the village.

Perhaps, however, there was a cemetery, where the homeless ones slept?

A few steps brought him to the narrow gate, and in a moment he stood among the dark and silent crosses that marked the graves; as he walked slowly over past the side of the church his feet could hardly make their way thru the long waving grass.

In the dim moonlight he could barely discover the remains of a crumbling headstone, it had sunk down so deep into the yielding soil that the exposed portion might easily have been covered by his foot.

And the lonely man sat down on a near-by grave, newly made, and gazed long and silently upon the sunken headstone.

"These are the remains of what once was home", he said at last in a low voice. "Within a year even they will have sunk out of sight, or they will have made a new grave and scattered the remains of the old. Mother, I wish you could speak to me".

A sudden gust of wind swept over the place and the passing cloud obscured the moon from view. It was fearfully lonesome and dark.

"You cannot speak to me", the learned man continued. "The face that once smiled at me so lovingly has become a grinning skull, and the thoughts that coursed thru it have no place in the earth that covers it. Such will be the end of all of us, and I believe it is well that it is so. For if you could think now, and were able to turn your thoughts back to earth, you would have to weep over your son, and yet you would be unable to help him. I feel something drawing me the way that you have gone before me, mother, but if you could feel now, the same lot would be mine, for we are of one blood".

Meanwhile it had grown still darker and more stormy.

The professor arose and leaned upon his staff.

"I am beginning to understand the diseases of the mind", he said, "and I feel that sooner or later we shall all fall a prey to them. We have parents, and they leave us alone, a wife, a friend. None is so poor

as to have no loving heart, and none is so rich as to be exempt from seeing it cease beating. It is like a light that ceases to burn because the wick is consumed; we cannot light it again in the empty air. And the more flames we see thus extinguished, the darker and more lonely it becomes. Grasp at the spark when it vanishes, try to hold the last breath when it escapes from the dying breast, close your hand upon that which you think you possess, and when you open it you have nothing. Life is a burden and the end is redemption".

Silently the professor sat there thinking, indifferent to his surroundings, not knowing what he did.

From the distant days of childhood there came to him the memory of a pond just beyond the cemetery, and a voice whose memory had slumbered long seemed to say to him, "Do not go near the water child, for it is very deep. All the tears that men have wept because of death have come together there, and they are innumerable and unmeasurable."

The professor turned his head and listened; no one had spoken to him, he was alone. But he answered nevertheless:

"The tears that are wept because of life are enough to fill an ocean. What are the waters of death compared to it? I will fathom its depths."

And he had soon found the place where he had stood as a child and thrown pebbles into the water. Many bubbles had risen up from the depths and he had been afraid.

For a brief moment the moon came out from behind the clouds, and his pale light illumined the water, but it could not take away its uncanniness.

The rushing sound he heard down at the steep banks of the pond was not the splashing of waves but the thickly grown bulrushes swaying before the wind. Only far out in the middle was an open space, because the water there was too deep to allow the rushes to take root. A narrow wooden walk led out to this open space. At its farthest end a raven flew with a loud "caw! caw" when it heard the sound of human steps.

"They say that animal creatures are frightened at the unnatural", the unhappy man mused. "But it is mere superstition. The poor beast fears for its life, that is the difference between reason and mere instinct".

Then his feet rested upon the old wooden walk and he felt that it would give way at his next step.

Then it might pass as an accident——

Strangely enough, at the last moment this benighted soul clutched the foolish idea that it made some difference whether the last step into the unknown night was the result of his own act or of an accident caused by his own act, and with this thought came the questioning doubts as to the reason for the idea.

Human judgment and human gossip?

It was raining out of a new darkness, and the rain and the wind beat into the man's face. He felt himself an outcast from human society and was utterly disgusted with human institutions. On the other hand the idea was repulsive to him that he might, in a condition where time and space no longer existed, mayhap in an infinite twilight, perhaps in infinite light, and without physical feelings, be asked by an unknown voice, or, if there was no voice, be pitilessly pursued by the torturing thought:

"What wilt thou here, O man?"——

He called all the weapons of science, and all the force of reason he could still command, to his aid, but he could move neither hand nor foot.

The wind and the rain beat into his face and around him was the blackness of night.

Was there no light at all in the darkness?

O yes, above the clouds were the stars, and when we speak of a starless sky, there is only a veil between these eternal witnesses and our mortal eye, but man has forgotten to turn his eye upwards, and he has forgotten to wait until the veil is rent asunder. It is an earthly light we seek.

Suddenly it burst upon his sight, somewhere off the main street. It was only a small flame, so small that the hand could hide it, and that it might have been extinguished between thumb and forefinger. And yet it seemed to possess that mysterious persistence that is able to overcome the deepest darkness.

The professor ascended the bank of the pond and the higher he came the brighter the light shone. He followed its beckoning and soon stood before a little house, a house so low and humble that he could have touched the moss-covered thatch with his hands.

The roof awoke memories that had slumbered long. He remembered how he had stood beneath it as a child and stretched his little hands toward it in the effort to reach it. And then he heard the same voice that had spoken to him before say, 'Edwin, my child, that is too high for you. Wait until you have become a man, then you will have to bend down to come under my roof.'

And the learned man humbly bowed his head as he approached the door.

The door was not locked, nor did he need to feel his way thru the dark vestibule; his hand was guided by the same memory that had led him here across field and moor, and then, with a word of greeting on his lips, he stood in the door of a small but neatly kept room.

There were only two, an old woman and a child. The woman lay abed, the child sat beside the bed on a low stool, the little lamp between them. The child had been reading from the Bible, but as the stranger entered the book had fallen from her hands. As Edwin bent down to

pick it up his eye fell upon the first page where a name had been written.

"I see I have guessed aright, Tante Anna", he said, "it is really you. I should not have thought that we should ever see each other again. Do you remember little Edwin?"

The old woman had slowly raised her feeble figure and now sat up, the soft light of the lamp falling full upon her face. It had never been a beautiful face, but it was transfigured by an infinite kindness and goodness.

"Little Edwin", she replied, "that was long, long ago. Your beard disfigures you, else I should probably recognize your face at once. But the voice seems familiar. Who told you that I was ill, Edwin, and that the end was near?"

"No one told me. I did not even know that you were still living. I only wanted to see my old home again."

"Ye," she answered slowly, "that wish always comes to every one of us, sometimes sooner, sometimes later. Are you alone?"

"As alone as you are."

She thought a moment and then beckoned to the child.

"I thank you very much, Lieschen", she said, "but you must go home now, it is late". When the girl had left, she added, "It is the daughter of one of the neighbors, and I should have sent her away even if you had not come. In my condition one can never tell what may happen, and children are easily scared. Perhaps you will stay with me, Edwin?"

The professor sat down on the little stool and leaned his head against the bedpost.

"I shall stay with you, Tante Anna", he said. "Are you always alone?"

"As befits an old spinster", she answered with a smile. "Turn the lamp a little higher, so that I may better see your face. There—so this is little Edwin."

She had been his nurse and first teacher, without being in any way related to him. At first he had called her mother, then Tante Anna. Thus it had remained, and now a generation had passed.

"How glad I am to see you once more, my child", said Tante Anna after a pause. "I do not read the papers much, only a little now and then, but that you have become a great man I have learned nevertheless. True, it is not the way in which I had pictured it in your childhood."

"And how did you imagine my future?" he asked, smiling absently.

"You always had many thoughts. Much that you said was childish, but much was very beautiful, just as in church. And you liked to get upon a chair, put on my large apron and preach a sermon."

The professor nodded.

"Now that you speak of it, I remember", he said. "If *that* was a way already, I have indeed departed from it, for can there be a greater difference than between a pastor and a physician?"

"The difference is not so great", said Tante Anna thoughtfully, "at least not in your case. You are an alienist, are you not, Edwin?"

"So people call me."

"Well, then you also seek to heal the diseases of the soul."

"The diseases of the mind, Tante Anna."

"Perhaps you call it by another name in science, but it is all the same."

"No," said the professor earnestly, "we seek the diseases in nervous disturbances and in the anomalies of brain structure. We find no soul there."

"What is the source of the disease, Edwin?"

"Sorrow, worry, sin, heredity."

"You have forgotten one", said the sick woman in a low voice, "it is despair. Do you not think, Edwin, that every one of us has his burden of grief and care? Do you think there is one among us that does not sin against his body? Why do hosts of them come to you?"

"It is the constant rush that is wearing them out."

"Why are they always rushing, child? Perhaps that they may the more quickly reach the end of this life and gain the next? It would be sinful, Edwin, but of this sin our age is guiltless. They are not rushing on from wastefulness, but from avarice. Do you see what I mean?"

The clock on the wall slowly ticked and in the wooden bedstead the wood-worm was at work—no other sound could be heard.

"I too am ill", said the professor, suddenly.

A sad smile came over the features of the sick woman.

"Even if I did not love you as my own child, Edwin, I should have read *that* news before you spoke it. That is something we learn with age, even tho our sight grows dim. You are suffering from a disease against which your own skill and science is powerless. Yes, it may even be that you have contracted it from the very books you have studied. Do you know what it is?"

"I am sick of life", he said sullenly.

"Oh, yes, you can call it that, but that is only a result. Is it not strange that you should, in the very prime of life, and at the height of your career, honored by all who know you, be sick of the life that has brought you such fruits? If I, a poor, useless creature in this forsaken corner of the world, and on my sickbed, were sick of life, it would at least be intelligible; and yet you are what I am not. Can you explain this, Edwin?"

The learned man took a flower from the vase beside the little lamp and slowly and mechanically began to pluck out leaf after leaf. Without raising his eyes he said:

"Look, Tante Anna, that is our work. Day by day we remove a tattered rag from the gay covering of life in order to get at its heart. With some the process is rapid, with others slower, accordingly as nature has given to one a centifolia, to another a pansy. With all of them we come to the calyx and it is empty."

He threw the naked stem away and leaned back his tired head.

After a pause the old lady said:

"Edwin, is it long ago that you lost your faith?"

"I cannot say that I ever had any, Tante Anna, for what a child believes is but a repetition of what others have said. Since I began to think for myself I have become convinced that all is over when this life ends, and science has confirmed this for me."

Again the old lady raised herself up as she said, somewhat faint-heartedly:

"My dear boy, I suppose you have never"—but he interrupted her roughly.

"I know what you want to say, it is the same old story. You wanted to ask whether I have ever prayed, did you not? You say your prayers will be heard *if it is God's will*, and that is all you know. For I can never know what an influence a prayer has upon its fulfillment, or whether the fact that it is not fulfilled is not a sign that I am addressing empty space. But it offers one comfort, Tante Anna, else I should be deceived in you. True, there is comfort for him who already believes. Whether this comfort comes from above, or arises within me, I cannot know; I have never seen the heavens torn asunder; but I know what power there is in a delusion. Do I not struggle against it every day; tho it is the greatest relief imaginable for the incurables. What can you say to that, Aunt Anna?"

"Nothing", was the quiet answer, "for I see that I can do nothing for you and those like you in this way. One cannot measure all with the same yardstick, and so I shall not ask whether you have already searched your Bible."

"Because you already know the answer, Tante Anna. Prove to me that there is not one error in this Book from the first word of Genesis to the last one in Revelation, then I will believe. If you begin to omit what is human I demand the same privilege for me. No, you dear old soul, there is no use trying to help me. I must face with an open eye the night which you are so fortunate not to see, even tho it finally falls to the lot of all."

The clock struck midnight, and Tante Anna's strength was apparently exhausted, for she reclined her head on the pillow and closed her eyes.

"You must sleep too, now, my darling," she said. "In the chamber next to this is an old sofa, and you will also find a cover. Take the lamp with you, the darkness does not matter to me."

For the first time he thought of asking what ailed her; he had been too deeply absorbed in the subject before.

"A lack of vitality", she answered smiling. "No doctor can help me. But you will stay here for a few days, will you not?"

"If you would like to have me, certainly, Tante Anna."

"It is not for my sake, child, but a thought just occurred to me. Do not ask me about it, if it is to be thus it will happen. Go and rest now, I shall knock when I need you."

"Have you nothing to read?" he asked, as he took the lamp; "my nerves are on edge, perhaps some written thing will help."

Her eyes turned to the Bible on the table, but she said nothing.—Hesitatingly he took up the worn volume and went into the other room.—But he did not read as he lay there upon the sofa, his head resting upon his hand; it was only an aimless turning of the leaves. And he felt that it was not helping him.

"Those who wrote this were only seeking what they did not know, just as we are," he said to himself. "When it was dark, they complained, and when it was light they rejoiced; we know indeed that light alternates with shadow. And when no light came, they were silent. On one page it says: 'I am become like a wine skin in the smoke.' On another: 'Even from everlasting to everlasting Thou art God.' Human uncertainty, human ideas! Sleep, what more do you want!"

He made the attempt, but was obliged to open his eyes again, to sleep was almost gruesome at this midnight hour.

He had turned the lamp very low and his eye gazed at an uncurtained window. Thru it one could look out into the night upon the seemingly boundless plain, dimly lighted by the uncertain moonlight. A veil of mist passed by, and it made the pale moonlight appear still paler, and when the wind, which seemed to have gone to sleep, breathed deeply, it sighed thru the Taxus hedge that bordered the little garden.

The professor thought of the mystic trees which the imagination of the ancients had planted around the river Styx, and in whose dark, mysterious branches there blew a ghostly wind, that could be heard but not seen.

"If the desire to live is so strong," he said, "then I can understand my fear of the last step. Life is sad, and death is mysterious—where is the way out in this confusion?"

And then it seemed as tho a figure floated thru the room. He saw no shadow and he heard no sound, but he felt the cool stir of a passing shape.

And then came a sound from the other room.

Edwin turned the lamp higher and went in. Placing the lamp at the head of the bed he bent low over the sick woman.

There was the hippocratic sign that he knew so well. Tante Anna

lay with half open eyes, fingering the cover. It was the only sign of life, but almost immediately a few words passed her lips:

"You are there, Edwin?" she said. "Raise my head a little, my breast feels so close, it has just come. Is there more oil in the lamp; it burns so low."

"It is as usual, Tante Anna; do you not see the light?"

"It is very dim; you are a physician, is this death?"

"It may be death."

"Then God has fulfilled my wish. I wanted to die while you were here, Edwin."

"But I cannot help you, Tante Anna; you must go *that* way alone."

"Of course, dear, I do not mean that. But when you spoke those sad words a little while ago, they made me sad too. And then I thought——"

She had to pause for breath. The doctor held her head and begged her to say no more, but she waved her hand impatiently.

"The spell has passed, child, but the next one will overcome me. Yes, I thought, Edwin, that I could not help you with words, not with words. You can answer them with so many more, a thousand to one. But if a person should be very quiet, and if he——"

She made an effort and lifted her hand. Edwin bent his head forward to listen, she still breathed.

"Have you a last wish, Tante Anna?"

"No, now all is over. I see nothing, but I am fully conscious. Do you hear, Edwin, fully conscious—that is your hand, and these are the fingers of your hand. One—two—three—four—five——"

While she spoke she had very softly, as with a spirit's touch, laid her right hand upon his left, and he felt, with the sensitive touch of the physician that life was slowly ebbing away. And a question that he could not hold back, forced itself over his lips:

"Are you afraid now, Tante Anna?"

She had understood the question and she smiled as she slowly shook her head. "It is—very dark—and yet I—am not—afraid at all—no—not at all—no——" The last "no" was merely a fleeting breath, and the doctor arose and closed the sightless eyes.

It was very strange.—The learned man had stood at many a death-bed, but *only* in his sanatorium, never outside. Most of them had gone over in agony, many others in delirium. Not one like this woman. Fully conscious to the very last breath.

Suddenly the scales fell from his eyes. *That* was what she had wished and prayed for in her infinite love and care for him; she wanted to be to him that voice from the beyond which searching unbelief longs for and which—we know not why—we cannot hear.

Was that possible?

It was *not* possible to utter a falsehood in that last moment, even

if it had been the falsehood of love. The hand of earthly love does not clasp ours to give comfort, but grasps and holds it to steady and hold itself.

It was not possible that a delusion should maintain itself up to the very threshold of death, for that which is merely customary and acquired is shed like the leaves of autumn as soon as every earthly basis ceases to exist.

Then the learned man *felt* the truth he had not been able to understand.

Edwin sat by the bedside wrapped in thought until the dawn of a new day. It was no longer merely a brooding born of the night, but it was as tho a voice had spoken to the doubting Thomas: "Reach hither thy finger, and see my hands."

Then the sun rose over the moor and out of the fog. She has a long course to run until she reaches the west, and the man, too, to whom she sent her first rays, knew it full well.

The light does not shine round about us suddenly, nor does the sun rise to the zenith in an hour. But if we have seen the home of light, we may seek it even behind the clouds.

And yet another had found the path that led toward home.

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John Ferdinand Klick, born May 29, 1849, in Pommerania, Germany; died as pastor of St. Peter's Church, Granite City, Ill., Jan. 20, 1915. (1)

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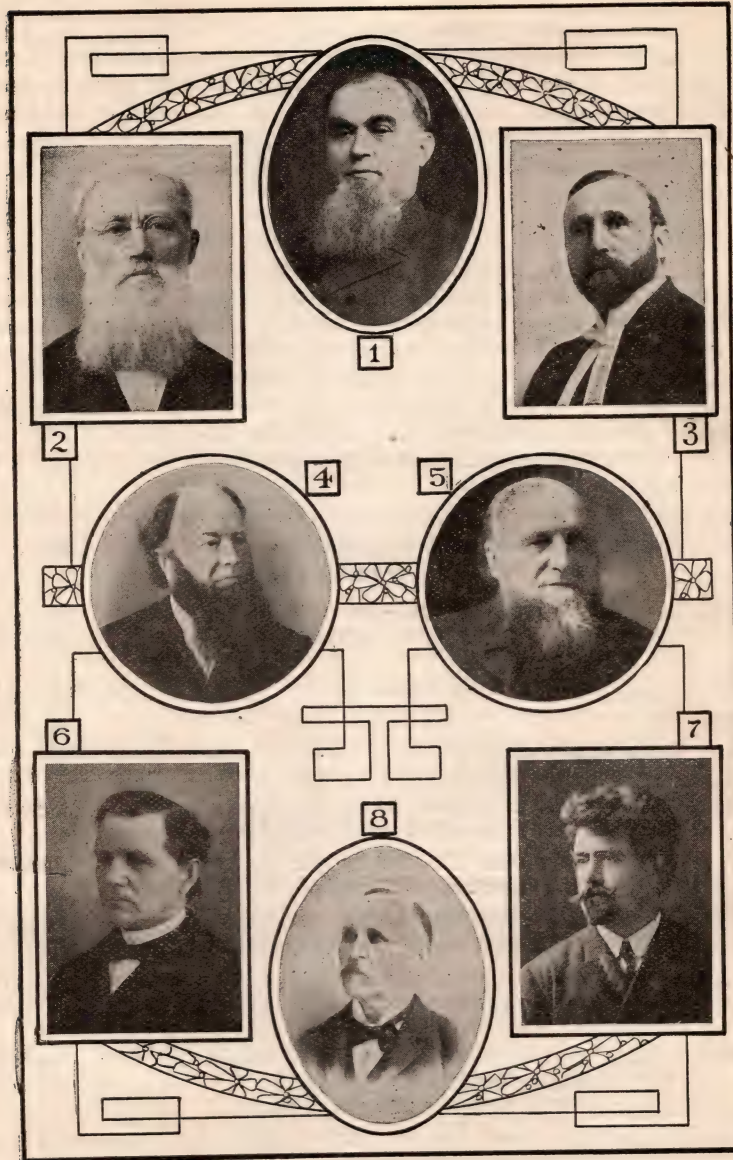
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Frederick Moeckli, born Aug. 14, 1840, in Canton Zurich, Switzerland; died July 29, 1915, as pastor emeritus at Milwaukee, Wis. (6)

Edmund A. H. Kayser, born June 4, 1874, in Stuttgart, Germany; died at the hands of an unknown slayer as pastor of St. John's Church, Gary, Ind., on Aug. 24, 1915. (7)

Michael Mehl, born September 16, 1842, in Alsace, Germany; died Oct. 9, 1915, as pastor emeritus at Evansville, Ind. (Photograph could not be secured in time for going to press.)

Henry Packebusch, born Nov. 28, 1831, in Madgeburg, Germany; died as teacher emeritus at Elmhurst, Ill., March 13, 1915. (8)



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 " " —Elsie Lange.
 " " —Eleonora Pielemeier.
 " " —Edna Herrmann.

CHICAGO, ILL.

Consecrated—Anna Bischel.
 Probationer—Minnie Volz.
 " " —Alma Wiegmann.

Probationer—Lena Helper.
 " " —Hertha Bollens.
 " " —Rosa Lawrenz.

LOUISVILLE, KY., and NEW ALBANY, IND.

Louisville, Ky., & New Albany, Ind.
 Consecrated—Elisabeth Fuchs.
 " " —Lillie Guthermuth.

Probationer—Emma Fetterer.
 " " —Minnie Riehlmann.

MILWAUKEE, WIS.

Probationers—Pauline Hallmann; Emma Reese; Sadie Kurth.

CINCINNATI, OHIO.

Consecrated—Marie Stahlberg.
 " " —Greta Lueken.
 " " —Anna Meyer.
 " " —Erhardina Meyer.
 " " —Rosa Hummel.

Probationer—Emmy Oldewage.
 " " —Clara Behnke.
 " " —Emma Meyerose.
 " " —Amanda Sandmeyer.

BUFFALO, N. Y.

Consecrated—Elisabeth Heinz.

DETROIT, MICH.

Probationers—Melinda Schmid; Clara Schwig; Lillian Drechsler.

MARSHALLTOWN, IOWA.

No report received.

BALTIMORE, MD.

Consecrated—Augusta Janssen.

*) Lincoln, Ill.

***) Milwaukee, Wis.

**) Good Samaritan Home for the
 Aged, St. Louis, Mo.

†) Faribault, Minn.
 ††) Rochester, N. Y.

†††) Marshalltown, Ia.

CHURCH REGISTER

List of congregations served by pastors of the German Evangelical Synod of North America. Those designated with a * are not in formal membership with the Synod. The name of the town or city is given first, then that of the congregation, and finally that of the pastor. Corrected to October 20, 1915.

1. ATLANTIC DISTRICT

a) District of Columbia

Washington—*Concordia—P. A. Menzel

b) Maryland

Annapolis—St. Martins—H. F. C. Haas
 Baltimore—Christ—P. Briesemeister
 " —Concordia—F. Giese
 " —*St. Johns—Wm. Aufderhaar
 " —*St. Johns—E. G. Kuenzler
 " —St. Matthews—C. W. Locher
 " —*United Ev. Luth.—W. Batz
 Baltimore—Homestead—St. Matthews—
 J. O. Reller
 " —*Friedens—C. Enders
 " —Immigrant Home—O. Apitz
 Near Cambridge—Immanuel—
 E. Dettbarn
 East Newmarket—Salem—E. Dettbarn
 Frostburg—Zion—P. Saffran

c) New Jersey

Bayonne—*St. Pauls—
 Bergenpoint—Evangelical—C. Schauer
 Garwood—St. Pauls—
 Irvington—Imm.—E. J. Schmidt, Ph. D.
 Newark—St. Stephens—Ed. Fuhrmann
 " —(Essex Park)—United Ev.—
 E. J. Schmidt, Ph. D.
 " —(Vailsburg)—Zion—
 Trenton—St. Pauls—Geo. Esmann

d) New York

Albany—Ev. Protestant—H. Reller
 Amsterdam—Ev. Luth. Zion—
 F. E. C. Haas
 Berlin—Zion—G. Kern
 Brooklyn—Zion—
 " —Bethlehem—W. Bourquin
 Cohoes—Ev. Luth. Trinity—
 W. E. Neumeister
 East Poestenkill—Zion—G. Kern
 Mount Vernon—St. Johns—W. Frenzen
 New York—St. Pauls—H. Rexroth
 Taborton—Zion—G. Kern
 Schenectady—Friedens—
 H. F. W. Grotefend
 " —St. Johns—*J. Schauer
 Troy—St. Pauls—W. E. Neumeister
 Westchester—St. Pauls—J. P. Schwab

e) Pennsylvania

Archbald—*Evangelical—F. Gabelmann
 Columbia—Salem—C. Sprenger
 Priceburg—St. Pauls—C. F. Fleck
 Scranton—Friedens—Paul E. Zeller
 " —Hyde Park Presb.—R. Jungfer
 " —St. Pauls—C. F. Fleck
 Taylor—Evangelical—C. E. Fetzer
 Williamsport—Imm.—J. A. Weishaar

f) Virginia

Richmond—St. Johns—O. Guthe

Number of churches.....46

2. INDIANA DISTRICT

a) Indiana

Aurora—*Evangelical Protestant—
 Boonville—St. Johns—R. G. Kurz
 Bretzville—St. Johns—
 Bucksin—St. Johns—A. Jennrich
 Buffalo—St. Johns—F. Piepenbrok
 Bufkin—St. Johns—F. Daries
 Campbell Tp.—Zoar—G. H. Sieveking
 Cannelton—St. Johns—K. Schneider
 Carthage—Protestant—*E. Stroehlein
 Centerville—Zion—F. Piepenbrok
 Chandler—*St. Johns—R. G. Kurz
 Cumberland—St. Johns—P. Repke
 Cypress—Immanuel—F. Reller
 Dubois—St. Peters—W. J. Cramm
 Duff—St. Pauls—Ph. Frohne
 Elberfeld—Zion—L. von Lanyi
 Near Elberfeld—Immanuel—
 G. H. Sieveking
 Evansville—Ev. Bethel—Paul Pfeiffer
 " —St. Lucas—H. J. Schiek
 " —St. Pauls—F. Reller
 " —St. Matthews—
 J. U. Schneider, Ph. D.
 " —*St. Johns—Wm. N. Dressel
 " —Zion—J. U. Schneider, Ph. D.
 Near Ft. Branch—St. Pauls—
 L. Sternberg
 Fenton—Zion—A. Gaeb
 Foster—*St. Pauls—F. Hohmann
 Freelandville—Bethel—H. Limper
 Fulda—Trinity—E. D. Kiefel
 German Tp.—*St. Pauls—H. A. Koerner
 Haysville—*Ev. Luth. St. Pauls—
 A. Dietze
 Heusler—*Salem—O. Keller
 Holland—Augustana—Ph. Frohne
 Near Holland—St. Pauls—
 F. A. Stoelting
 Huntingburg—Salem—A. J. Hotz
 Indianapolis—Friedens—L. Kleemann
 " —St. Johns—W. Uhrland
 " —St. Pauls—Chr. Hansen
 " —Zion—J. C. Peters
 Ingelheim—*St. James—J. Schlundt
 Inglefield—Salem—J. C. Nestel
 Jasper—Trinity—A. J. Hotz
 Johnson Tp.—Zion—*W. Goffeney
 Kasson—*St. Johns—J. A. Reller
 " —Zoar—J. A. Reller
 Kratzville—*St. Peters—J. C. Nestel
 Lamar—Peters—E. D. Kiefel
 Lawrenceburg—Zion—F. D. Schuler
 Lippe—Zion—C. G. Kettelhut
 Lynnville—St. Matthews—A. G. Aldinger
 Madison—*Ev. Lutheran—
 McCutchanville—*Bethlehem—
 G. H. Sieveking
 Mount Vernon—Trinity—P. Press
 New Albany—Evangelical—F. A. Meusch
 Newburg—Zion—H. Schoettie
 New Palestine—Zion—Th. Schory
 Parkers Settlement—*St. Peters—
 J. Schlundt
 Pennsylvaniaburg—*St. Johns—
 *H. Arndt

Princeton—St. Peters—Wm. Hauff
 St. Philipp—Immanuel—F. Daries
 Santa Claus—St. Pauls—F. Piepenbrok
 Shelbyville—*Ev. Prot.—S. Caldemeyer
 Near Shelbyville—*Ev. Prot.—

S. Caldemeyer
 Stendal—*St. Pauls—F. A. Stoelting
 Tell City—St. Johns—Theo. J. Schlundt
 Troy—*Evangelical—Theo. J. Schlundt
 Vincennes—St. Johns—J. Overbeck
 Warrenton—St. Stephens—Wm. Hauff
 Westphalia—Salem—A. C. Roth

b) Ohio

Barnesburg—*St. Pauls—
 Cincinnati—*First Ev.—H. Huebschmann
 " —(Carthage)—First German
 Prot.—*E. Stroehlein
 " —(Price Hill)—*German Prot.
 " —(Columbia)—First Evang.—
 R. J. Kurz
 " —Immanuel—Fairmount—
 H. J. Sonneborn
 " —(Lickrun)—*St. Martins—
 " —St. Lucas—W. Krueger
 " —*St. Philippus—
 F. L. Dorn, Ph. D.
 " —(Norwood)—Salem—
 W. Grunewald
 " (Winton Place)—Ev. Prot. St.
 Matthews—P. Benthin
 " —Zion—Alb. E. Viehe
 Dayton—St. Johns—J. G. Mueller
 " St. Lucas—C. Schaeffer
 Elmwood Place—St. Matthews—
 Ed. Schmidt

Hamilton—Prot. St. Johns—
 G. S. Gerhold
 " —St. Pauls—W. Vollbrecht
 E. Hamilton—St. Johns—W. Vollbrecht
 Middletown—St. Pauls—H. S. von Ragué
 New Richmond—St. Pauls—
 W. Grunewald

Piqua—St. Pauls—P. Gehm
 Pleasantridge—*St. Peters—F. Hohmann
 Reading—*St. Johns—P. Bourquin
 Ripley—Zion—
 Sidney—St. Pauls—R. Wobus
 Tippecanoe City—St. Johns—Ach. Meyer
 Trenton—St. Johns—H. S. von Ragué
 Troy—St. Johns—Ach. Meyer

c) Kentucky

Alexandria—*St. Pauls—C. Emigholz
 Bellevue—St. Johns—M. L. Kramer
 Dayton—St. Pauls—G. Brune
 Falmouth—St. Pauls—*J. Klingeberger
 Ft. Thomas—Christ Evangelical—
 *F. Puhlmann

Griffith—United Ev.—T. C. Gebauer
 Henderson—Zion—Theo. Wobus
 Hunters Bottom—*Ev. Lutheran—
 Latonia—St. Marks—*J. Klingeberger
 Louisville—Bethlehem—C. Held

" —Christ—P. Meyer
 " —St. Johns—J. G. Stilli
 " —St. Lucas—Theo. A. Haefele
 " —Parkland—O. Miner
 " —St. Matthews—L. Hohmann
 " —St. Pauls—W. F. Mehl
 " —St. Peters—D. Bruening
 " —Immanuel—Ph. Wiggermann
 " —*St. James—C. Held
 " —Clifton Evangelical Church
 Westerman Memorial)—
 T. Hempelmann

Parkland—Evangelical—O. Miner

Newport—*St. Pauls—P. F. Hausmann
 Owensboro—Zion—H. F. Grefe
 Paducah—Unity—H. Toelle
 Tugfork—*Ev. Prot.—C. Emigholz

d) Alabama

Birmingham—Friedens—A. S. Ebinger

e) Georgia

Atlanta—St. Johns—O. J. Gilbert, Ph. D.

f) Illinois

Carmi—St. Johns—R. Schmichen
 Cowling—*Ev. Friedens—G. Voegtling

g) Florida

Ft. Lauderdale—*St. Johns—E. Bratzel
 Davie—E. Bratzel
 Lowell—H. Niedernhoefer
 Miami—*Friedens—E. Bratzel
 Number of churches.....123
 3. Iowa District

3. IOWA DISTRICT

a) Iowa

Ackley—St. Johns—G. Meinzer
 Alden—Immanuel—Armin Haeussler
 Alexander—St. Johns—C. J. Barth
 Atlantic—Friedens—A. Dettmann
 Audubon—Friedens—
 Augusta—St. Johns—Chr. T. Rasche
 Aurelia—St. Johns—F. Dodzuweit
 Bennett—Friedens—Chr. Bendigkeit
 Benton Tp.—Zion—C. Nauwerth
 Berlin—Bethlehem—J. H. Jahn
 Blidorn—St. Johns—G. Viehe
 Brooks Tp.—St. Johns—F. Dodzuweit
 Buckeye—*Friedens—Armin Haeussler
 Buckgrove—*Petrus—G. Krumm
 Burlington—First Evang.—K. Michels
 " —St. Lucas—K. Scheib
 " —Zion—J. Erdmann

Calumet—*Zion—H. Rixmann
 Clarence—St. Johns—E. Hansen
 Clarksville—Immanuel—Ph. Hilligardt
 Council Bluffs—St. Johns—A. Graber
 Creston—*St. Johns—J. Ernst Birkner
 Crozier—St. Johns—Aug. Satory
 Dayton Tp.—*St. Pauls—*J. M. Hertel
 Denver—St. Pauls—Ph. Blaufuss
 Donnellson—St. Pauls—W. Kreis
 Dumfries—St. Pauls—G. P. Zimmermann
 Dysart—Friedens—G. J. Krumm
 Elkader—Friedens—C. H. Franke
 Farmington—*St. Johns—

Flintriver Tp.—St. Johns—C. Nauwerth
 Fort Madison—St. Johns—P. C. Keinath
 Franklin—St. Peters—Fr. Deuschle
 Fredericksburg—Friedens—M. Peper
 Fremont Tp.—St. Johns—Paul Allrich
 Garner Tp.—*.....A. Graber
 Geneva—St. Peters—Theo. Storck
 German City—St. Johns—A. von der Ohe
 German Tp.—St. Peters—H. E. Mueller
 Gladbrook—Friedens—J. H. Jahn
 Hamburg—Zion—Im. Th. Seybold
 Hartley—Trinity—J. Fischer
 Horn—St. Johns—J. D. Bretz
 Hubbard—Zion—W. Buehler
 Keokuk—St. Pauls—A. C. Ernst
 Lake View—*First Evang.—K. Fauth

Larchwood—Friedens—J. G. Herrlinger
 Latimer—Immanuel—C. J. Barth
 Laurel—St. Johns—L. C. Krueger
 Ledyard—Friedens—J. Winkler
 Lemars—St. Johns—M. J. Dammann
 LeRoy Tp.—St. Pauls—*W. Wüstenberg

Adair—Evangelical—E. Riemeyer
Adrian—Immanuel—H. Scharschmidt
Albion—Salem—E. Piepenbrock
Ann Arbor—*Bethlehem—G. A. Neumann
Amble—*St. Peters—H. Schmidt
Armada—Trinity—R. Riemann
Bad Axe—St. Johns—Emanuel Soell
Bainbridge Tp.—St. Pauls—C. Krickhahn
Baroda—Zion—C. F. Howe
Boyne City—Evangelical—A. Buettner
Brutus—Zion—A. Buettner
Burnside—St. Pauls—*W. Hetzel
Casco—St. James—E. Riemeyer
Chelsea—*St. Pauls—A. Schön
Clarencerville—Immanuel—A. C. Stange
Clyde Tp.—St. Pauls—C. Haag
Coloma—*Ev. Zion—C. Krickhahn
Crockery—St. Johns—W. Koch
Dalton Tp.—St. Pauls—A. F. Schulz
Detroit—Bethany—A. Martin
" —Christ—Theo. Jud
" —Immanuel—A. W. Bachmann

Detroit—St. Johns—H. Horny
 " —St. Lucas—L. Kleber
 " —St. Marks—A. Mallick
 " —St. Matthews—Otto C. Haass
 " —Bethel—*R. Niebuhr
 " —St. Pauls—W. H. Alber
 " —St. Johns—(West Side)—
 R. J. Beutler
 " —(Springwells)—St. Peters—
 C. A. Haneberg

Dexter—*St. Andrews—K. Buff
 Farmington—Salem—A. C. Stange
 Forestville—Unity—Emanuel Soell
 Francisco—St. Johns—A. Schön
 Fraser—Zion—J. Neumann
 Freedom Tp.—*Bethel—D. F. Mayer
 " —St. Johns—G. Eisen
 Friendship Tp.—Ebenezer—A. Buettner
 Gallien—St. Peters—J. L. Kling
 Germania—Zion—*W. Hetzel
 Grand Haven—St. Pauls—W. Koch
 Grand Haven Tp. St. Peters—W. Koch
 Grand Rapids—St. Johns—R. Schreiber
 Halfway—St. Peters—*F. Fuerst
 Jackson—St. Johns—A. Beutenmueller
 Kingsley—St. Johns—H. Schmidt
 Lansing—St. Pauls—E. Lawrenz
 Lenox—St. James—R. Riemann
 Macomb Tp.—Ev. St. Johns—

F. A. Roese

Manchester—*Immanuel—J. Wulffmann
 Marine City—St. Johns—J. Soell
 Maplehill—Immanuel—H. Schmidt
 Mt. Clemens—Zion—F. A. Roese
 Muskegon—St. Johns—A. F. Schulz
 New Buffalo—St. Johns—J. Hetzel
 Norvell—*Christ—J. Wulffmann
 Niles—St. Johns—F. Rahn
 Owosso—St. Johns—P. Stappenbeck
 Petoskey—Immanuel—A. Buettner
 Pipestone—*Zion—C. Krickhahn
 Pontiac—St. Pauls—Theo. Papsdorf
 Port Huron—St. Johns—C. Haag
 Port Sanilac—Ev. Unity—Eman. Soell
 Royaloak—Immanuel—Theo. Papsdorf
 St. Joseph—St. Peters—W. F. Buehler
 Saginaw—Ev. St. Marks—E. Pusch
 Saline Tp.—*St. James—O. Papsdorf
 Saline—*St. Pauls—C. Wittbracht
 Sharon Tp.—*St. Pauls—G. Eisen
 Sherman Tp. near Cadillac—Evang.—
 H. Schmidt
 Taylor Center—*St. Pauls—F. Lueckhoff
 Threecoaks—St. Johns—J. L. Kling
 Warren—St. Pauls—G. Webbink
 Wyandotte—St. Johns—A. Schmid

b) Indiana

Andrews—St. Pauls—H. Greuter
 Bippus—St. Johns—J. Frank
 Bourbon Tp.—St. Pauls—*Fred. Beutler
 Bremen—Immanuel—Edwin Mayer
 Chesterton—*St. Johns—Geo. Schoettle
 Elkhart—St. Johns—F. Ewald
 Francesville—Salem—C. E. Weiss
 Near Francesville—St. James—

F. W. Adomelt

Gary—St. Johns—
 Lafayette—St. Johns—H. Zumstein
 LaPorte—St. Pauls—E. H. Spathelf
 Madison Tp.—Zion—P. Grob
 Medaryville—St. Johns—E. Brenion
 Michigan City—St. Johns—P. Irion
 Mishawaka—St. Andrews—M. Goffeney
 Plymouth—St. Johns—*Fred. Beutler
 San Pierre—St. Lucas—E. Brenion

South Bend—St. Peters—C. W. Roth
 " " —*Zion—M. Goffeney
 Urbana—St. Peters—F. Boehm
 Wabash—St. Matthews—P. O. David
 Wanatah—Salem—W. Howe
 Whitepost Tp.—St. Johns—C. E. Weiss
 Woodland—St. Johns—P. Grob
 Number of churches.....98

6. MINNESOTA DISTRICT

a) Minnesota

Albany—Ev. Ebenezer—H. M. Awiszus
 Albion—Evang.—H. Heutzenroeder
 Annandale—Imm.—H. Heutzenroeder
 Barnesville—Evang.—F. C. Schmidt
 Bemidji—Evangelical—W. Riemann
 Bertha—Friedens—*O. Rapp
 Brainerd—Bethlehem—W. Riemann
 Brownsville—Zion—O. Albrecht
 Burau—Evangelical—K. Zeyher
 Carlos—*Michael—H. M. Awiszus
 Ceylon—Ev. St. Johns—F. Perl
 Childs—*Evangelical—K. Zeyher
 Cleveland Tp.—*Evang.—G. M. Eyrich
 Cottagegrove—St. Matthews—
 Joh. H. Meier
 Crookedcreek—Friedens—O. Albrecht
 Delano—Evangelical—W. Weitge
 Dora—*St. Johns—J. Eitel
 Dresselville—St. Pauls—G. M. Eyrich
 Duluth—St. Pauls—P. T. Bratzel
 Eden Valley—Friedens—

H. Heutzenroeder

Eitzen—St. Lucas—F. C. Klein
 Essig—Friedens—G. Mayer
 Fairmont—St. Johns—J. Herrmann
 Faribault—Ev. St. Lucas—Wm. Meyer
 Fergus Falls—Evang.—H. B. Wietzke
 Frazer—Friedens—
 Glencoe—*Evang.—Max Strasburg
 Grey Eagle—Trinity—*O. Rapp
 Hector—Friedens—W. G. Rath
 Henderson—*St. Pauls—M. Lehmann
 Herman—Evangelical—K. Zeyher
 Hermantown—St. Pauls—P. T. Bratzel
 Hokah—Zion—O. Albrecht
 Holdingford—Evang.—H. M. Awiszus
 Hutchinson—St. Johns—Max Strasburg
 Kenyon—St. Matthews—W. Koring
 Lake Elmo—St. Lucas—C. C. Joern
 Lester Prairie—Evang.—H. C. Dallmann
 Lesueur—Zion—G. M. Eyrich
 Lewiston—St. Pauls—G. Wübben
 Near Litchfield—St. Matthews—

H. Heutzenroeder

Little Falls—Ev. Luth.—T. Herrmann
 Long Prairie—Zion—*O. Rapp
 Lynn Tp.—Trinity—Max Strasburg
 Medicine Lake—*Immanuel—E. Sans
 Millville—Evangelical—W. Hausmann
 Minneapolis—St. Johns—E. Sans
 Minnesota Lake—*Friedens—E. Herrmann
 Near Minnesota Lake—*St. Pauls—

A. Meyer

New Rome—*Ev. Luth. St. Johns—
 G. S. Eyrich

New Ulm—Friedens—G. Mayer
 Nicollet—*Friedens—G. Mayer
 North Star—Evang.—H. Niewoehner
 Norwood—Evang.—P. Quarder
 Near Norwood—*Zion—P. Quarder
 Perham—Zion—J. Eitel
 Plato—St. Pauls—R. Zielinski
 Near Plato—Friedens—*S. Nicolaiski
 Pleasant Prairie—E. J. Herrmann
 Rice—Evangelical—T. Herrmann

Rochester—Ev. Luth. Friedens—
W. W. Bunge

Sanborn—Christ—G. Mayer
St. Cloud—Friedens—J. L. Haack
St. James—Ev. Friedens—H. Niewoehner
St. Paul—*St. Pauls—Karl Koch
Stillwater—*Ev. Luth. St. Peters—
C. Jankowski

Theilmann—*Ev. St. Pauls—
W. Hausmann
Town Minden—Christ—J. L. Haack
Tyrone Tp.—Salem—G. M. Eyrich
Viola Tp.—St. Pauls—G. Wübben
Vivian Tp.—*Zoar—E. Herrmann
Wadena—St. Pauls—J. Stilli
Welcome—St. Pauls—F. Perl
Wheeling—St. Johns—W. Koring

b) North Dakota

Near Annamose—Ev. Trinity—*E. Merz
Bethel—Bethel—
Bluegrass—*Bethlehem—J. Fontana
Fargo—Evangelical—
Hankinson—*Immanuel—A. Grabowski
Hebron—St. Johns—A. Debus
Inkster—Evangelical—*E. Merz
Judson—*Evangelical—G. Sturm
Lidgerwood—St. Johns—A. Grabowski
Minnesota Tp.—Evang.—A. Grabowski
Mott.—*Ev. Friedens—L. Denninghoff
New Salem—Friedens—J. Fontana
Taylor—Immanuel—L. Denninghoff
Wahpeton—St. Peters—K. Zeyher

c) South Dakota

Elkton—Ev. St. Johns—P. B. Roediger
Irving—*Friedens—*M. Kurschat
Tulare—Ev. Luth. Salem—*M. Kurschat
Tuttle Creek—Ev. St. Johns—
*M. Kurschat

Number of churches.....92

7. MISSOURI DISTRICT

a) Missouri

Afton—Eden—*Theo. W. Mueller
Augusta—Ebenezer—H. Pfundt
Bay—St. Pauls—C. J. Raase
Bay—Zion—W. Schultz
Bellefontaine—St. Johns—E. Agricola
Bem—St. Johns—*Hugo Vondran
Berger—St. Johns—J. Daiss
Big Berger—Bethany—M. F. Giering
Bigspring—St. James—A. Alberswerth
Bland—Zion—*J. C. A. Buescher
Billings—St. Peters—Geo. Orlovsky
Cape Girardeau—Christ—Fr. Bemborg
Near Cape Girardeau—Salem—G. Press
Cappeln—St. Johns—J. H. Stroetker
Casco—St. Johns—C. A. Stadler
Case—*Bethel—*A. Alberswerth
Cedarhill—*St. Martins—S. P. Goebel
Chamois—St. Johns—Th. Hoefer
Near Chamois—St. Peters—Th. Hoefer
Clayton—Samuel—K. Pfeiffer
Cooper Hill—St. Pauls—
Cottleville—St. Johns—A. Bockstruck
Desoto—Friedens—P. Dietrich
Near Des Peres—Zion—F. Baur
Defiance—*St. Pauls—H. Pfundt
Dexter—Zion—J. S. Fisser
Dittmers Store—*St. Martins—E. Roglin
Drake—St. James—L. Reinert
Femme Osage—Ev.—Traugott Amacker
Ferguson—Immanuel—J. Flottmann
Fredericksburg—St. Peters—F. Bechtold
Near Freistatt—Zion—F. Weltge
Fulton—Evangelical—F. L. Rodenbeck

Gerald—St. Pauls—G. Doernenburg
Near Gerald—Ebenezer—E. Petschke
Gumbo—St. Thomas—
*Theo. F. Schumacher

Hamburg—Friedens—F. Grabau
Hermann—St. Pauls—R. Kasemann
High Hill—St. Johns—
Highridge—St. Martins—S. P. Goebel
Holstein—Immanuel—F. Egger
Hope—Bethany—
Indian Camp—*St. Johns—
Jackson—Immanuel—W. F. Herrmann
Near Jackson—St. Johns—
†Rich. Lehmann

Jeffriesburg—*Jordan—
Knorpp—Ebenezer—P. Dietrich
Lippstadt—Evangelical—R. Fischer
Manchester—St. Johns—E. Berdau
Marthasville—*Evang.—B. H. Heithaus
Mehlville—*St. Johns—J. W. Gaebe
Morrison—St. James—G. Schultz
Moscow Mills—Friedens—*E. Koenig
Mt. Hope—*St. Johns—
Neosho—Zion—G. Ditel
New Haven—St. Peters—F. Tschudy
New Melle—Ev. Friedens—E. Schweizer
Normandy—St. Peters—H. Mohr
Oakville—St. Pauls—
Old Monroe—St. Pauls—G. Hoffmann
Owensville—St. Peters—H. Specht
Pacific—Friedens—K. Pfeiffer
Pendleton—*St. Johns—†L. C. Boeker
Pinckney—St. Johns—F. W. Fischer
Pitts—*Harmonie—*H. Dinkmeier
Progress—Immanuel—
Rhineland—St. Marks—*A. Alberswerth
Rush Hill—Friedens—
Sofeld—Evangelical—F. W. Fischer
St. Charles—St. Johns—H. Thomas
Near St. Charles—Friedens—G. Goebel
St. Louis—St. Andrews—G. Nussmann
" —Bethany—F. Krafft
" —Bethesda—E. P. Richter
" —Bethel, English Evangelical—
Th. L. Mueller

" —Bethlehem—
" —Christ—J. Varwig
" —Trinity—H. F. Bahnsen
" —Ebenezer—L. Suedmeyer
" —Eden—K. Schneider,
temporary supply
" —Emmaus—K. Plegier
" —Redeemer—Geo. Duval
" —Evangelical—E. Bleibtreu
" —Friedens—Th. Oberhellmann
" —*Holy Ghost—Th. F. Braun
" —Immanuel—G. Bode
" —St. James—Th. Braun
" —Jesus—W. F. Simon, Ph. D.
" —St. Johns—F. Klemme
" —St. Lucas—H. Walser
" —St. Marks—E. H. Ellts
" —St. Matthews—H. Drees
" —Nazareth—Geo. M. Poth
" —St. Pauls—J. Irion; O. Press,
Assistant Pastor
" —St. Peters—W. Hackmann
" —Salem—H. Walz
" —Scecond English—
J. J. Meyer, D. D.
" —St. Stephens—C. Decker
" —Salvator—(Walnut Park)—
J. Reichardt
" —Zion—J. Baltzer; E. Baltzer,
Assistant Pastor
Sappington—St. Lucas—S. Kruse

Schlusburg—Bethany—A. Saeuberlich
 Springfield—St. Johns—G. Hehl
 Steinhagen—St. Pauls—R. Fischer
 St. Clair—St. Johns—
 Stolpe—St. Johns—W. Asmuss
 Stonyhill—St. James—A. Kuhn
 Stratmann—St. Pauls—E. Stech
 Sulphur Springs—St. Lucas—

H. Friedrich

Swiss—St. Johns—G. Wobus
 Tilsit—St. James—A. Kalkbrenner
 Troy—Zion—*E. Koenig
 Union—St. Johns—A. Bisping
 "—Zion—A. Bisping
 Verona—St. Johns—G. Dittel
 Warrenton—Friedens—R. Fischer
 Washington—St. Peters—J. N. Schuch
 Welcome—Evangelical—W. Schultz
 Weldon Spring—Immanuel—F. Grabau
 Woollam—St. Johns—J. C. A. Buescher
 Wright City—Friedens—*H. Dinkmeier

b) Arkansas

*Collegeville—St. Johns—C. Fritsch
 Fort Smith—Glaubens—
 Judsonia—*St. Peters—*W. M. Jeschke
 Lape—Friedens—J. S. Fismer
 Little Rock—St. Pauls—C. Fritsch
 Russell—*Zion—*W. M. Jeschke

Institutions.

St. Louis—Eden Seminary—
 "—Dir. W. Becker
 "—Deaconess Home—F. P. Jens
 "—Emmaus, St. Charles—
 "—J. W. Frankenfeld
 "—Emmaus, Marthasville—
 "—C. F. Sturm
 "—Good Samaritan Home for
 "—the Aged—
 "—Orphans' Home—H. Mohr

Number of churches.....133

8. NEBRASKA DISTRICT

Ashton—St. Matthews—W. F. Guth
 Aurora—Evangelical—H. Schirneker
 Beaver Creek—St. Marks—*O. Zwilling
 Dutch Hollow—*Unorganized—
 "—F. Klinschewski
 Gladstone—Zion—E. Hilder
 Goehner—Ev. Friedens—Ad. Woth
 Harvard—Evangelical—H. Schirneker
 Jansen—St. Pauls—A. D. Rahn
 Kelso—*Unorganized—W. F. Guth
 Lincoln—St. Pauls—Ad. Matzner
 "—St. Johns—D. Maul
 Loup City—Evangelical—W. F. Guth
 Maple Grove—St. Pauls—F. A. Luedeke
 McWilliams—St. Johns—C. Eller
 Nebraska City—*Bethel—W. K. Schulz
 Neligh—*Unorganized—F. Klinschewski
 Oakdale—*Unorganized—F. Klinschewski
 Omaha—St. Johns—W. Schäfer
 Osage—St. Pauls—J. Abele
 Plattsmouth—St. Pauls—H. Steger
 Plymouth—Friedens—Fr. J. Abele
 Rulo—Zion—W. Kottich
 Scotts Bluff—*Zion—C. A. Mennenoe
 Seward—Friedens—Ad. Woth
 Steinauer—Salem—H. Krueger
 Syracuse—St. Johns—P. Ott
 Talmage—Zion—G. Deckinger
 Tilden—St. Johns—F. Klinschewski
 Wahoo—*Unorganized—Ad. Matzner
 Near Wayne—Salem—W. Fischer
 Near Wayne—Theophilus—W. Fischer

West Blue—Friedens—Geo. Duensing
 Westpoint—St. Johns—W. Mangelsdorf
 Western—St. Johns—E. Aleck
 Willow Creek—*Unorganized—

*O. Zwilling

Number of churches.....35

9. NEW YORK DISTRICT

a) New York

Attica—St. Pauls—H. A. Dies
 Auburn—St. Lucas—E. Henzel
 Bennington—Salem—H. Retter
 Boston—St. Pauls—W. Fuhrmann
 Buffalo—St. Andrews—G. Berner
 "—Bethany—C. Loos
 "—Bethlehem—A. Goetz
 "—Calvary—J. R. Graf
 "—Christ—A. Zink
 "—Friedens—P. Speidel
 "—Immanuel—H. L. Streich
 "—St. James—Paul R. Zwilling
 "—St. Johns—O. Wittlinger
 "—St. Lucas—
 "—W. F. Werheim, D. D.
 "—St. Marks—P. R. Zwilling
 "—St. Matthews—M. P. Davis
 "—St. Pauls—C. G. Haas
 "—St. Peters—Th. Bode
 "—Pilgrim—G. P. Michel
 "—Salem—F. Oberkircher
 "—St. Stephens—W. H. Schild
 "—Trinity—H. A. Kraemer
 Cattaraugus—*St. Johns—C. Bachmann
 Corning—Immanuel—R. Vieweg
 Dunkirk—*Ev. Luth. St. Johns—
 "—F. Muehlinghaus
 East Eden—St. Johns—W. Fuhrmann
 Eden Center—First Ev.—H. M. Wiesecke
 Elmira—First Evangelical—R. Vieweg
 East Hamburg—Immanuel—E. Gottlieb
 Gowanda—Ev. Luth. Trinity—C. Haas
 Hamburg—St. James—H. M. Wiesecke
 Hornell—*Ev. Luth. St. Pauls—
 "—G. F. Hahn

Lockport—St. Peters—
 "—Paul G. Frankenfeld
 Millersport—*St. Stephens—G. Ronte
 North Tonawanda—St. Peters—
 "—F. Westermann
 "—*Friedens—
 "—E. A. Schulz
 Orangeville—Immanuel—H. A. Dies
 Perkinsville—St. Peters—Hy. Noehren
 Rochester—Christ—O. H. Schroeder
 "—St. Pauls—R. Stave
 "—Salem—F. Frankenfeld and
 "—J. C. Kramer
 "—Trinity—A. Baltzer
 Rome—Trinity—A. A. Juergens
 Shawnee—St. Pauls—E. A. Schulz
 Sheldon—St. Johns—H. Retter
 Syracuse—Friedens—W. Bauer
 Tonawanda—*St. Peters—A. Hils
 "—Salem—A. Hils
 Townline—St. Pauls—C. F. Dies
 Wendelville—*St. Pauls—G. Ronte
 Westfield—St. Peters—L. Miller
 West Seneca—St. Peters—E. Gottlieb

b) Pennsylvania.

b) Pennsylvania
 East Greene—St. Pauls—A. J. A. Wahl
 Erie—St. Pauls—F. W. A. Eiermann
 "—St. Lucas—H. J. Brodt
 Fairview—*St. James—H. Brodt
 Meadville—Zion—Ph. Kraus, D. D.

Wheaton—*.....—E. W. Kroenke

b) Indiana

Crownpoint—St. Johns—F. Peter
Hammond—Immanuel—E. Hugo
Hanover—Zion—H. E. Blum
Kouts—*Evangelical—F. Peter

c) Institutions

Elmhurst College—Dir. D. Irion, D. D.
Orphans' Home and Home for the Aged,
Bensenville—E. Pinckert
Deaconess Home, Lincoln—C. Hoffmann
Deaconess Home, Chicago—F. Weber

Number of churches.....133

11. OHIO DISTRICT**a) Ohio**

Amherst—St. Peters—A. Egli
Baltic—Zion—G. Kreuzenstein
Bucks Tp.—*St. Pauls—G. Kreuzenstein
" "—St. Peters—G. Kreuzenstein
Bolivar—St. Johns—*Silas P. Bittner
Canal Dover—St. Johns—
D. J. Helmkamp
Chattanooga—St. Pauls—S. Egger
Chester Tp.—*St. Johns—L. G. Weber
Chillicothe—First German Ev.—
Titus Lehmann
" —Salem—D. H. Moritz
Cleveland—Bethany—H. E. Voss
" —Christ—H. Eppens
" —Ebenezer—G. C. Maul
" —Friedens—Fr. Trefzer
" —Immanuel—Th. P. Frohne
" —*St. Johns—C. Burghardt
" —St. Matthews—P. Schroeder
" —*St. Pauls—
Adolf Schmidt, Ph. D.
" —*Schifflein Christi—
John S. Huebschmann
" —Trinity Ev.—F. H. Graeper
" —United Ev. Prot.—O. Rusch
" —*United Ev. Prot.—
C. W. Bernhardt
" —Zion—Theo. A. Thomas
Columbus—*St. Johns—T. Lehmann
" —St. Pauls—W. L. Bretz
Convoy—St. Johns—N. Lehmann
Coshocton—Evang.—H. Kamphausen
Crookedrun—Salem—D. J. Helmkamp
Dennison—*St. Pauls—D. J. Helmkamp
Dover Tp.—St. Pauls—*Silas P. Bittner
Elliston—*Trinity—Carl C. Bizer
Elmore—St. Johns—Th. Beckmeyer
Elyria—St. Pauls—G. W. Krause
Genoa—St. Johns—F. Mittendorf
Goshen Tp.—*St. Peters—C. J. Keppel
Halifax—Zion—G. Kreuzenstein
Independence—*St. Peters—
F. M. Haefele

Jackson—Immanuel—O. P. Schroerluke
Kenton—St. Johns—C. J. Keppel
Kettlersville—*Immanuel—A. Langhorst
Lorain—St. Johns—Theo. Merten
Loudon Tp.—St. Johns—A. A. Kitterer
Loudonville—Trinity—Paul C. Schnake
Mansfield—St. Johns—G. A. Kienle
Marion—Salem—R. J. Loew
Massillon—St. Johns—J. E. Digel
Millersburg—St. Johns—H. Hahn
Millbury—*St. Peters—H. Spangenberg
Minersville—*St. Pauls—L. G. Weber
Monroeville—*Immanuel—K. A. Roth
Navarre—*St. Pauls—J. E. Digel
Newark—*St. Johns—G. T. Haller

New Bremen—St. Peters—Chr. Fischer

" "—*St. Pauls—

W. F. Henninger

Oak Harbor—*St. Pauls—H. C. Klutey

Oxford Tp.—St. Johns—K. A. Roth

Parma—St. Pauls—F. M. Haefele

Pomeroy—Friedens—L. G. Weber

Portsmouth—German Evangelical—

S. Lindenmeyer

Port Washington—St. Pauls—

M. F. Schulz

Sandusky—Immanuel—Theo. Eisen

" —*St. Stephens—J. H. Holdgraf

Seneca Tp.—Jerusalem—A. A. Kitterer

South Amherst—St. Johns—A. Egli

South Webster—St. Johns—

O. P. Schroerluke

Springfield—St. Johns—B. F. Wulmann

Strasburg—St. Johns—Ernst Irion

Sugarcreek Tp.—Immanuel—Ernst Irion

Tiffin—St. Johns—J. C. Frohne

Toledo—St. Pauls—Theo. F. Merten

Valley City—Immanuel—Karl Roth

Vanwert—St. Peters—N. Lehmann

Wapakoneta—*St. Pauls—G. A. Ehrhard

Washington Tp.—St. Peters—

G. A. Kienle

Waverly—Ger. Ev.—O. P. Schroerluke

Westpark—Immanuel—H. Juergens

Winesburg—*Zion—J. A. Keller

Wooster—Christ—J. Reinicke

Wren—St. Pauls—N. Lehmann

Zanesville—*Pilgrim—R. R. Fillbrandt

Zoar—.....*Silas P. Bittner

Number of churches.....81

12. PACIFIC DISTRICT**California**

Blacks—*.....J. Mangold
Dixon—*Ev. Lutheran—J. Mangold
Los Angeles—Immanuel—O. Satzinger
" "—St. Pauls—J. Nuesch
" "—Zion—Jon. Irion
Oakland—St. Marks—W. Schmidt
Lodi—*Mission—E. Arends
Pasadena—St. Johns Ev.—*G. Brink
Petaluma—Grace—F. Schlinkmann
Pomona—St. Johns—P. Ph. Tester
Richmond—.....J. Mangold
San Francisco—St. Johns—J. Kroehnke
" —St. Lucas—A. Meyer
" —St. Pauls—
K. C. Struckmeier
S. San Francisco—*Mission—A. Meyer
Santa Cruz—*Mission—Wm. Schmidt
San Diego—*Zion Ev.—Geo. Gekkeler
San Rafael—*St. Matthews—G. A. Hensel
West Yolo—Evangelical—J. Mangold
Whitmore—*Zion—
Woodland—St. Johns—J. Mangold
Number of churches.....21

13. PENNSYLVANIA DISTRICT**a) Ohio**

Benton Tp.—St. Pauls—E. Krafft
Clarrington—Imm.—*Aug. H. Knipping
Hannibal—Zion—*J. Jost
Lewisville—St. Peters—E. Krafft
Lowell—St. Johns—Otto W. Breuhaus
Marietta—St. Pauls—O. C. Laubengayer
Miltonsburg—St. Peters—W. F. Kohler
Morton—Salem—*J. Jost
Muskingum Tp.—*First Evangelical—
Otto W. Breuhaus
Salem Tp.—St. James—
*Aug. H. Knipping

Steubenville—*Zion—G. H. Freund
Summit Tp.—St. Johns—W. F. Kohler
Switzerland Tp.—St. Johns—
*P. Krusius, Ph. D.
Watertown—*St. Johns—
Otto W. Breuhaus
Woodsfield—St. Pauls—E. Seybold

b) Pennsylvania

Millvale—First Evang.—F. Nickisch
Pittsburgh—*St. Johns—J. L. Ernst
" —*St. Peters—J. L. Ernst
N. S. Pittsburgh—*St. Pauls—
O. D. Hempelmann
" —*St. Peters—
Th. R. Schmale
" —*First Ev.—A. Ruecker
" —*First Ev. Prot.—
R. W. Jungfer
Sharpsburg—St. Johns—W. A. Bomhard
Springgardenboro—St. Peters—
H. M. Strub
Zelienople—*St. Johns—Theo. Fischer

c) West Virginia

New Martinsville—*Immanuel—*J. Jost
Wheeling—St. Pauls—A. C. Rasche
Number of churches.....27

14. SOUTH ILLINOIS DISTRICT

a) Illinois

Addieville—*Zion—C. L. Langerhans
Alhambra—Salem—F. W. C. Warber
Alton—Evangelical—E. L. Mueller
Arcola—St. Pauls—C. F. Kniker
Belleville—Christ—C. R. Hempel
Biblegrove—St. Pauls—*G. R. Schmeisser
Blackjack—*St. Johns—H. Steding
Bluff—*St. Johns—F. Eggen
Bluff Precinct—Salem—Fr. Braun
Breesee—St. Johns—Theo. Haas
Brighton—St. Johns—F. W. Schnathorst
Brownsville—St. Johns—H. Baumgaertel
Burksville—St. Peters—Fr. Braun
Carlinville—St. Pauls—W. Riemer
Carlyle—Immanuel—Aug. Doellefeld
Caseyville—Friedens—M. F. Bierbaum
Central City—Zion—
Centralia—St. Peters—Joh. Dorullis
Collinsville—St. Johns—M. F. Bierbaum
Columbia—St. Pauls—Wm. Schlunkmann
Cordes—St. Johns—*Aug. F. Bock
De Camp—Immanuel—†N. Hansen
Near Dollville—Tower Hill Post Office—
St. Pauls—K. J. Mueller
Duquoin—St. Johns—C. Friebe
Eastfork Tp.—St. Johns—Aug. Doellefeld
East St. Louis—Imm.—E. R. Jaeger
Edwardsville—Eden—H. Rahn
Near Edwardsville—St. Pauls—
F. J. Buschmann
Elkton—*Immanuel—*Aug. F. Bock
Evansville—St. Johns—H. Krull
Farina—Friedens—H. H. Wintermeyer
Near Farina—St. Johns—
H. H. Wintermeyer
Fayetteville—*Ger. Prot.—*H. Tessmer
Floraville—*St. Pauls—
Fowler—*St. Pauls—O. R. Luthe
Freedom—St. Pauls—K. Dexheimer
Freedom (Hecker)—*Friedens—
K. Wiegmann
Garrett—Zion—F. Jerger
Grantfork—*Ger. Ev. Arnold E. Klick
Granite City—St. Peters—R. Kofer
" —*St. Johns—G. Plassmann
Hamel—Immanuel—F. Hempelmann

Harrisonville—*St. Peters—
Max R. Sennewald
Hookdale—St. Peters—Wm. Jung Jr.
Hoyleton—Zion—M. Schroedel
Irvington—Friedens—L. Rauch
Jamestown—*St. Pauls—

*Wm. B. Weltge

Jerseyville—Friedens—R. C. Lueke
Johannisburg—*St. Johns—Th. O. Uhdau
Lakecreek—*St. Pauls—C. A. Th. Mysz
Lebanon—*St. Pauls—H. J. Bredehoeft.
Lenzburg—St. Peters—E. Reh
Maestown—St. Johns—P. Schulz
Marine—Evangelical—Paul Buchmueller
Marion—Zion—C. A. Th. Mysz
Marissa—*Friedens—H. Meier
Mascoutah—St. Johns—

W. R. Schlunkmann

Mattoon—Zion—C. F. Kniker
Near Metropolis City—St. Johns—
K. Doernenburg
" " " —Zion—
W. Hausmann

Millstadt—Zion—Paul Wendt
Near Millstadt—*Concordia—A. Seffzig
Moredock—*Ebenezer—Max Sennewald
Moro—St. Johns—Val. Ziemer
Mount Olive—*Gethsemane—Fr. Deuschle
Murphysboro—St. Peters—Ph. Bassler
Nashville—St. Pauls—John H. Buescher
New Athens—*Evangelical—K. Barkau
New Baden—Zion—Theo. Baur
New Design—Zion—H. Baumgaertel
New Douglas—Salem—E. J. Westerbeck
New Hanover—*Zoar—F. Eggen
Oconee—Friedens—A. Dreusicke
O'Fallon—Evangelical—F. J. Langhorst
Ohlman—St. Pauls—A. Dreusicke
Okawville—St. Peters—C. E. Miché
Near Okawville—St. Pauls—

W. Schuessler

Old Ripley—Zion—Arnold E. Klick
Pana—St. Johns—G. A. Kanzler
Pinckneyville—St. Pauls—

O. W. Heggemeier

Plumhill—St. Johns—Th. C. M. Kugler
Prairie du Long—Immanuel—

K. Wiegmann

Prairie du Round—St. Marks—
K. Wiegmann

Quincy—*Christ—
" —St. Pauls—A. W. Fruechte
" —St. Peters—P. Langhorst
" —Salem—H. J. Leemhuis
Redbud—St. Peters—H. Buchmueller
Ridge Prairie—St. Johns—

K. Doernenburg

Smithton—*St. Johns—W. H. Hosto
St. Jacob—*Evang.—C. A. Hildebrand
Staunton—St. Pauls—
Stone Church—*St. Peters—W. Laatsch
Sugarloaf—*Zion—A. Seffzig
Summerfield—St. Johns—John Dippel
Trenton—St. Johns—Dan. Buchmueller
Troy—Friedens—M. Holz
Ursa—Zion—W. Dickmann
Valmeyer—Evang.—Max R. Sennewald
Waterloo—*St. Pauls—J. Nollau

b) Louisiana

New Orleans—First Ev.—A. H. Becker
" —Carrollton—St. Matthews—
L. Schweickhardt
" —Milan—St.—Salem—
E. Kockritz
" —*Jackson St.—Evang.—
J. P. Quinius

New Orleans—St. Pauls—G. Siegenthaler
 " " —St. Johns—G. Siegenthaler

c) Missouri

Ewing—St. Pauls—

d) Mississippi

Biloxi—First Evang. of Mississippi—
 Ed. C. Brink
 Number of churches.....108

15. TEXAS DISTRICT

Augusta—*St. James—J. Strauss
 Birch—Salem—Fr. Lapiens
 Beasley—*Friedens—K. Merkel
 Beaumont—*Ev. Luth.—*P. Beecken
 Near Brenham—Immanuel—Carl Mueller
 Burton—St. Johns—H. Schulz
 Cego—St. Pauls—W. Kuelps
 Cibolo—St. Pauls—C. Kniker
 Cisco—*Evangelical—*Armin Kniker
 Cleburne—*Friedens—*Armin Kniker
 Corpus Christi—*Evangelical—

Coryell City—.....*Joh. Biegeleisen
 On the Geronimo—*Friedens—
 A. Koerner

Cottonwood—St. Peters Ev.—K. Merkel
 Coupland—St. Peters—G. Krebs
 Coyote—*St. Johns—Theo. Pfundt
 Cypress—*St. Lucas—F. K. Neuhaus
 Dallas—St. Pauls—A. Romanowski
 Ft. Worth—St. Johns—C. Wolff
 Gerald—St. Pauls—John Link
 Gay Hill—Friedens—H. Rahmeier
 Hamshire—*Trinity—*P. Beecken
 Houston—First German Ev. Luth.—
 P. V. Dyck

Houston—*.....—*D. Blasberg
 Kurten—Zion—J. J. Kasiske
 Near Kyle—St. Johns—H. Barnofske
 Leissners School—Christ—*P. Schulz
 Levi—*Zion—W. Kuelps
 Lewisville—Friedens—C. Wolff
 Lockhart—Christ—F. W. Budy
 Longworth—*St. Johns—G. B. Schiek
 Lyons—Immanuel—Fr. Lapiens
 Marion—Luther—Melanchthon—
 *P. Schulz

Near Marlin—St. Pauls—G. Deislinger
 Mt. Prairie—St. Stephens—Fr. Lapiens
 Mercedes—Friedens—W. Roeper
 Navosota—*Friedens—F. Piepenbrok
 Needville—Immanuel—K. Merkel
 New Baden—Ebenezer—W. Kuelps
 New Bielau—*Ev. Luth. Trinity—
 P. Piepenbrok

New Braunfels—*First Protestant—
 G. Mornhinweg

Otto—St. Johns—G. Deislinger
 Pt. Arthur—Evangelical—*P. Beecken
 Redwood—St. Pauls—F. W. Budy
 Richland—*St. Johns—*G. Zucher
 Riesel—Friedens—J. Jaworski
 Robinson—St. Johns—J. Strauss
 Rose Hill—*Evangelical—*G. Zucher
 Rowena—Zoar—G. B. Schiek
 San Angelo—Immanuel—G. B. Schiek
 San Antonio—Friedens—Jul. Reichert
 " " —Home for the Aged—
 C. Saenger

Near San Antonio—Union—C. Kniker
 San Benito—Ev. Salem—W. Roeper
 Seguin—*Cross—A. Koerner
 Schulenburg—*Evang.—P. Piepenbrok
 Spring Branch—St. Peters—
 F. K. Neuhaus

Three Oaks—*Friedens—A. Artus
 Waco—Zion—J. Jaworski
 Washington—Friedens—F. Piepenbrok
 Weimar—*Ev. Luth.—P. Piepenbrok
 West—St. Peters—*John Link
 White Oak—St. Johns—F. K. Neuhaus
 Womack—Zion—Theo. Pfundt
 Woodsboro—Christ Ev.—A. Artus
 Zuehl—Redeemed—C. Kniker
 Number of churches.....68

16. WEST MISSOURI DISTRICT

Arrow Rock—Zion—H. Schroeder
 Billingsville—St. Johns—E. Berlekamp
 Blackburn—St. Pauls—C. Gabler
 Boonville—Evangelical—Rob. M. Hinze
 Brazito—Friedens—E. Rudolf
 California—Evangelical—F. Umbeck
 Clear Creek—St. Pauls—J. Doellefeld
 Concordia—Bethel—E. J. Becker
 Emma—St. Johns—G. F. Kitterer
 Florence—St. Johns—D. Baltzer
 Grand Pass—Evangelical—C. Gabler
 Hartsburg—Friedens—C. Fr. Stoerker
 Henry—St. Pauls—P. Moritz
 Higginsville—Salem—N. Rieger
 Independence—St. Lucas—Paul Moritz
 Jamestown—St. Pauls—*E. Leibner
 Jefferson City—Central—P. Stoerker
 Kansas City—St. Peters—J. Sauer
 Lamb—Immanuel—D. Baltzer
 Levasy—Ebenezer—C. Schnake
 Lexington—Trinity—O. Schulze
 Little Rock—Salem—H. Schroeder
 Lone Tree—*St. Pauls—
 Mayview—Zion—C. A. J. Buck
 McGirk—Salem—
 Moniteau—Advent—E. Beckeschus
 Napoleon—St. Pauls—J. Hauck
 New Franklin—Immanuel—Benj. Freese
 Norborne—St. Johns—P. Moritz
 Parkville—St. Matthews—
 Pleasant Grove—St. Peters—*E. Leibner
 St. Joseph—Zion—F. C. Klick
 " " —Ev. Luth. Zion—Karl Meyer
 South St. Joseph—St. Johns—
 Sedalia—Immanuel—J. C. Rieger
 Wellington—St. Lucas—J. M. Munz
 West Boonville—*Zion—Benj. Freese

Number of churches.....37

17. WISCONSIN DISTRICT

a) Wisconsin

Ackerville—St. Pauls—J. Schaefer
 Near Ackerville—St. Johns—J. Schaefer
 Antigo—Unity—C. Nagel
 Appleton—St. Johns—A. Janke
 Arena—*Friedens—P. A. Schuh
 Arpin—*St. Johns—*J. Paulowit
 Athens—Christ—F. Koch
 Beechwood—*St. Johns—K. Kuenne
 Berlin—Salem—J. C. Bierbaum
 Blackcreek—*St. Johns—P. Thomas
 Blackwolf—New Bethel—C. Mack
 Boltonville—*St. Johns—K. Kuenne
 Brillion—Friedens—H. Weichelt
 Brookfield—Trinity—G. G. Bratzel
 Browntown—Friedens—G. F. Schuetze
 Butler—Friedens—G. G. Bratzel
 Byron Tp.—Bethel—A. Jung
 Cadott—Zion Ev.—B. Schori
 Calumet Harbor—St. Pauls—
 E. C. Kollath

Cecil—St. Johns—C. Oberdoerster
 Cedarlake—*St. Pauls—K. Freytag

Center—*St. Matthews—P. Thomas
 Cicero—*St. Johns—P. Thomas
 Clintonville—St. Johns—C. Oberdoerster
 Colby—St. Johns—M. Lienk
 Collins—St. Pauls—H. Haas
 Corning—*St. Pauls—H. Gammert
 Cudahy—Christ—H. Niefer
 Darlington—*Ev. Immanuel—P. A. Schuh
 Dorchester—Friedens—J. Bizer
 Durham—Bethlehem—S. Gonser
 Edgar—St. Pauls—*J. Pauloweit
 Elkhart—St. Johns—J. J. Bizer
 Elk Mound—Friedens—B. Schori
 Ellsworth—St. Pauls—W. Merzdorf
 Erin—St. Pauls—R. Ditter
 Fall Creek—Ev. Luth. Friedens—
 B. Schori
 Fillmore—St. Martins—H. Erber
 Fond du Lac—Friedens—C. Grauer
 Fort Atkinson—Friedens—M. Zutz
 Friendship—Christ—C. Mack
 Germantown—*Zoar—C. Rüegg
 Greenbush—*St. Johns—J. J. Bizer
 Hales Corners—Immanuel—S. Gonser
 Hartford—St. Johns—A. Kuhn
 Hickorygrove—St. Johns—*A. Franke
 Jackson—St. Peters—G. Kücherer
 " —*Friedens—G. Kücherer
 Jordan—Ebenezer—F. Schuetze
 Kaukauna—St. Johns—A. Janke
 Kewaskum—*Friedens—F. Mohme
 Kilbourn City—*Bethlehem—E. Assmann
 Kohlsville—*St. Johns—K. Freytag
 Lancaster—Bethlehem—L. Schmidt
 Libertyridge—St. Pauls—G. Recht
 Lomira—*Evang. Friedens—C. Grauer
 Manitowoc—St. Johns—H. Haas
 Marinette—Friedens—W. Leonhardt
 Marion, Grant Co.—Imm.—*A. Franke
 Medford—Evang.—J. Bizer
 Marshfield—St. Pauls—E. Beier
 Meeme—*St. James—J. Foesch
 Menominee Falls—*St. Pauls—H. Barth
 Merrill—St. Stephens—H. Gammert
 Merton—St. Johns—R. Ditter
 Milan—St. Johns—M. Lienk
 Milwaukee—Bethel—E. Gehle
 " —Christ—H. Niefer
 " —Trinity—F. G. Ludwig
 " —Friedens—J. H. Fleer
 " —Glaubens—A. Fleer
 " —Immanuel—P. Goldstern
 " —St. Pauls—J. Merzdorf
 " —Salem—D. Reichle
 " —Tabor—E. J. Fleer
 " —Zion—G. Fischer
 Monroe—St. Johns—P. A. Schuh
 Mosel—*St. Marks—J. Foesch
 Oakgrove—St. Johns—*Fr. Bock
 Oconto—St. Pauls—F. W. Krüger
 Oshkosh—Immanuel—W. Suessmuth
 " —St. Pauls—Th. Irion
 Perkinstown—Friedens—J. Bizer
 Portage—Trinity—E. Assmann
 Port Washington—Friedens—
 S. Lefkovic
 Random Lake—Friedens—K. Kuenne
 Reedsville—Friedens—H. Weichelt
 Rhine—St. Peters—F. Zeh
 Richfield—*St. James—G. Klein
 Ripon—*Ev. Lutheran—F. Kuether
 Rockfield—*Christ—G. Klein
 Russell—St. Pauls—J. J. Bizer
 Saukville—St. Peters—J. Ziegler
 Schleisigerville—St. Johns—H. Müller
 Schofield—Friedens—G. Betz

Scott—St. Pauls—A. Wagner
 Shawano—Friedens—A. C. Ludwig
 Sheboygan—Evangelical—E. Krueger
 Silvercreek—*St. Pauls—K. Kuenne
 South Germantown—*St. Johns—
 V. Crusius
 South Milwaukee—St. Lucas—
 A. Blankenagel
 Stevens Point—Friedens—M. Schmidt
 Sussex—*Zion—H. Barth
 Tigerton—*Ev. Luth. Zion—*G. Bock
 Tomah—Zion—R. Rami
 Town Hermann—St. Johns—A. Helm
 Town Oakland—St. Johns—
 L. R. Moessner
 Two Rivers—*St. Pauls—H. Haas
 Union—*Evangelical—L. Schmidt
 Waubeka—*St. Pauls—H. Erber
 Wausau—St. Pauls—E. Grauer
 Wauwatosa—St. Pauls—R. Grunewald
 Wayne—St. Pauls—G. F. Schuetze
 Weyauwega—St. Johns Ev.—M. Schmidt
 Whitewater—Friedens—M. Zutz
 Wittenberg—*Ev. Luth—*G. Bock

Missions in the North—J. Bizer

b) Michigan

Iron Mountain—*Evang.—H. Friedemeier
 Menominee—Trinity—W. Leonhardt
 Number of churches.....118

18. COLORADO MISSION DISTRICT

Delta, Colo.—St. Pauls—A. Fuenning
 Denver, Colo.—Salem—G. A. Schmidt
 " —*St. Pauls—Chr. Buckisch
 Fort Collins, Colo.—Imm.—G. Tillmanns
 Grand Junction, Colo.—St. Johns—
 J. J. Braun
 Idaho Falls, Idaho—*First Evang.—
 *Emil Wagner
 Laramie, Wyo.—St. Pauls—
 O. G. Wichmann
 La Salle, Colo.—*Friedens—
 Louisville, Colo.—St. Pauls—
 Joh. Mueller
 Montrose, Colo.—St. Johns—A. Fuenning
 Ogden, Utah—St. Pauls—B. H. Leesmann
 Salem, Idaho—Zion—F. Brennecke
 Salt Lake City, Utah—Mission—
 B. H. Leesmann
 Sugar City, Idaho—St. Pauls—
 F. Brennecke
 Windsor, Colo.—Zion—Paul Jueling
 Near Roberts, Idaho—Unorganized—
 *Emil Wagner
 Near Paul, Idaho—Unorganized—
 Number of churches.....17

19. WASHINGTON MISSION DISTRICT

Coeur d' Alene, Idaho—*St. Pauls—
 J. Lebart
 Boise, Idaho—St. Pauls—E. G. Albert
 Deer Park, Wash.—*St. Pauls—J. Lebart
 Everett, Wash.—Zion—P. A. Weiss
 Fenn, Idaho—*Bethel—
 Gresham, Ore.—Zion—F. H. Freund
 Payette, Idaho—Ev. Luth.—G. Mauch
 Portland, Ore.—St. Pauls—J. Hergert
 Portland, Ore.—Friedens—E. Hergert
 Seattle, Wash.—St. Pauls—A. Leutwein
 Seattle, Wash.—Bethlehem—P. A. Weiss
 Spokane, Wash.—First Ev.—J. Lebart
 Number of churches.....12

CANADA MISSION DISTRICT

Brown P. O., Man.—Ev. Immanuel—
*A. Krueger, lic.
Morden, Man.—Ev. Zion—
*A. Krueger, lic.
Winnipeg, Man.—First Ev. Luth.—
I. Neumann
Winnipeg, Man.—St. Johns Ev.—
F. Winger

Number of churches.....4

MONTANA MISSION DISTRICT

Billings—.....—R. Maurer
Near Coalridge—Christ—
*J. Kieselmann, lic.
Culbertson—Friedens—H. B. Witzke
Near Culbertson—St. Pauls—
Homestead—St. Johns—
*J. Kieselmann, lic.
Redwater—Friedens—E. Stelzig
East Redwater—Glaubens—E. Stelzig

Grand total of churches.....1,388

Riverside—Friedens—E. Stelzig
Shepherd—.....—R. Maurer
Number of churches.....10

MISSION CHURCHES IN INDIA

Bisrampur—K. Nottrott (on leave of absence), F. Goetsch, Mrs. Helen Sueger
Chandkuri—J. Jost, Miss Anna Jost, J. C. Koenig
Mahasamudra—E. Tillmanns (on leave of absence), H. Feierabend, Th. Twente
Parsabhadar—A. Hagenstein
Raipur—J. Gass, A. Stoll, Th. Seybold, Miss Martha Graebe (on leave of absence), Miss Adele Wobus (on leave of absence), Miss Elsie Kettler, Miss Wilhelmine Dieffenthaler.
Sakti—O. Nussmann (on leave of absence)

Number of Main stations.....6

LOCATION OF CHURCHES IN CITIES OF 10,000 INHABITANTS OR OVER

(Churches not named in this list were not reported to the editor.)

The name of the city is given first, then name of the church and address, and finally the name of the pastor.

Alabama

Birmingham—Friedens—21st St. & 6th Ave., South—A. S. Ebinger

Arkansas

Ft. Smith—Ev. Glaubens—N. 10th & D Sts.

California

Los Angeles—Immanuel—337 E. Jefferson St.—O. Satzinger
" —St. Paul's—Washington & Trinity Sts.—J. Nuesch
" —Zion—111 N. Breed St.—Jon. Irion
Oakland—St. Mark's—722 Filbert, betw. 7th & 8th Sts.—Wm. Schmidt
Pasadena—St. John's—E. Orange Grove & Fair Oak Ave.—G. Brink
Pomona—St. John's—8th & Louisa Sts.—P. Ph. Tester
San Francisco—St. John's—Larkin St., betw. Broadway & Vallejo—Joh. Kroehnke
" —St. Luke's—15th, near Church St.—Alfred Meyer
" —St. Paul's—1419 Howard, betw. 10th & 11th Sts.—K. C. Struckmeyer

Colorado

Denver—Salem—26th & Lawrence Sts.—G. A. Schmidt
" —St. Paul's—W. 28th Ave. & Zuni St.—Chr. Buckisch
Fort Collins—Immanuel—Remington & Olive Sts.—G. Tillmanns

District of Columbia

Washington—*Concordia—20th & G Sts., N. W.—P. A. Menzel

Georgia

Atlanta—St. John's—S. Forsyth & Garnett Sts.—O. J. Gilbert, Ph. D.

Idaho

Boise—St. Paul's—817 Franklin St.—E. G. Albert

Illinois

- Aurora—St. John's—5th St. & North Ave.—C. F. Baumann
 Chicago—St. Andrew's—28th St. & Karlov Ave.—H. H. Moeller
 " —Bethany—Irving Park Blvd. & Paulina St.—W. Grotefeld
 " —Bethel—114th & State Sts.—J. Goebel
 " —Bethlehem—Magnolia Ave. & Diversey Parkway—John Scheuber
 " —Christ—Francisco & Lexington Sts.—E. Rathmann
 " —Trinity—22nd Place & Robey St.—Julius Kircher
 " —Eden—Gunnison & Leclaire Aves.—A. Schmidt
 " —Epiphany—Bradley Place & N. Robey St.—C. F. Weisse
 " —First English Evangelical—3070 Palmer Square—L. Goebel
 " —Friedens—N. 52nd & Justine Sts.—L. Kohlmann
 " —Gethsemane—Cor. Monticello & Belleplaine Aves.—F. H. Krohne
 " —Calvary—Central Ave. & Rice St.—R. B. Fiedler
 " —Immanuel—E. 70th St. & Michigan Ave.—J. Bollens
 " —St. John's—Moffat St. & Campbell Ave.—H. Stamer
 " —St. John's (N. S.)—Garfield & Mohawk Sts.—Alfr. E. Meyer
 " —St. Luke's—W. 62nd & Green Sts.—Theo. F. Krueger
 " —St. Mark's—W. 35th St. & Lowe Ave.—W. Gaertner
 " —St. Matthew's—Washtenaw Ave. & Iowa St.—H. Kroenke
 " —Nazareth—Altgeld St. & Talman Ave.—A. Glade
 " —Nicolai—St. Louis Ave. & Noble St.—E. Rahn
 " —St. Paul's—Orchard & Kemper Place—E. A. John & J. Pister
 " —St. Paul's (Rose Hill)—Edgewater Ave., near Clark St.—Otto Kuhn
 " —St. Peter's—Cortez & Oakley Aves.—G. J. Lambrecht, H. E. Lambrecht,
 Assistant pastor
 " —St. Peter's (South Chicago)—Ave. L & E. 103rd St.—W. Breitenbach
 " —Philippus—W. 36th St. — Seeley Ave.—A. Fleer
 " —Salem—228 W. 25th St.—H. H. Fleer, Jos. A. George, Assistant pastor
 " —Salem Mission—6818 S. Emerald Ave.—H. H. Fleer
 " —St. Stephen's—Karlov & Wabansia Aves.—B. C. Ott
 " —Zion—Ashland Ave. & Hastings St.—C. A. Koenig
 " —Zion—W. 80th & Normal Sts.—Alf. Menzel
 " —Zion—Throop & 100th Sts.—W. Rathmann
 Chicago Heights—St. John's—S. W. Cor. 16th & Vincennes Ave.—Fr. Grosse
 East St. Louis—Immanuel—14th St., betw. State St. & Illinois Blvd.—E. R. Jaeger
 Elgin—St. Paul's—Center & Division Sts.—H. Jacoby
 Granite City—St. Peters—21st & C Sts.—Rob. Kofer
 Kankakee—St. John's—195 N. Entrance Ave.—M. C. Hoefer
 Kewanee—St. Peter's—Grove & Boulevard Sts.—P. Hoepfner
 Lincoln—St. John's—Union & 5th Ave.—C. Hoffmann
 Mattoon—Zion—216 N. 21st St.—C. F. Kniker
 Pekin—St. Paul's—Seventh & Ann Eliza Sts.—Geo. Goebel
 Peoria—Glen Oak—Evangelical—Cor. Atlantic & Republic Sts.—G. G. Press

Indiana

- Evansville—Bethel (English)—Cor. Jefferson Ave. & Garvin St.—Paul Pfeiffer
 " —St. John's—Cor. Lower 3rd & Ingle Sts.—Wm. N. Dresel
 " —St. Luke's—Cor. E. Virginia St. & Baker Ave.—H. Schiek
 " —St. Paul's—Cor. W. Michigan St. & 12th Ave.—F. A. Reller
 " —Zion—Lower 5th, betw. Ingle & Bond Sts.—J. U. Schneider
 Indianapolis—Friedens—Parkway Ave. & Alabama St.—L. Kleemann
 " —St. John's—Sanders & Leonard Sts.—W. E. Uhrland
 " —St. Paul's—Ashland Ave. & 13th St.—J. C. Hansen
 " —Zion—North & New Jersey Sts.—J. C. Peters
 Lafayette—St. John's—Elizabeth & Eleventh Sts.—Hans Zumstein
 New Albany—German Ev.—Spring St., betw. Bank & First Sts.—F. A. Meusch

Iowa

- Burlington—First Evangelical—Cor. 6th & Columbia Sts.—K. Michels
 " —Zion—5th St., betw. Columbia & Washington Sts.—J. Erdmann
 " —St. Luke's—Cor. 14th & South Sts.—K. Scheib
 Council Bluffs—St. John's—Union & Pierce Sts.—A. Graber

Kansas

- Atchison—Zion—Ninth & Santa Fe—Emil Vogt
 Lawrence—St. Paul's—831 Illinois St.—*G. Krueger
 Leavenworth—Salem Evangelical—5th & Arch Sts.—Aug. F. Warskow
 Topeka—St. Paul's—3rd & Hancock Sts.—*G. Krueger

Kentucky

Louisville—Bethlehem—7th, near Hill St.—C. Held
 " —Clifton—Payne & Rastetter Aves.—Theo. Hempelmann
 " —Christ—Barrett & Breckinridge Sts.—J. P. Meyer
 " —Immanuel—Transit & Bardstown Road—Ph. Wiggermann
 " —St. John's—Clay & Market Sts.—John Stilli
 " —St. Luke's—W. Jefferson, near 19th St.—Theo. Haefele
 " —St. Matthew's—611 E. St. Catherine—L. Hohmann
 " —Parkland—26th St. & Grand Ave.—O. C. Miner
 " —St. Paul's—East Broadway, near Brook St.—W. F. Mehl
 " —St. Peter's—W. Jefferson, near 13th St.—David Brünig
 Newport—St. Paul's—24 East 8th St.—P. Hausmann

Louisiana

New Orleans—First Evangelical—Carondelet & St. Mary Sts.—A. H. Becker
 " —German Evangelical—Jackson Ave. & Chippewa St.—J. P. Quinius
 " —St. John's—Belfast & Joliet Sts.—G. Siegenthaler
 " —St. Matthew's—Dante & Elm Sts.—L. Schweickhardt
 " —St. Paul's—Eleonore & Patton Sts.—G. Siegenthaler
 " —Salem—Camp & Milan Sts.—Ewald Kockritz

Maryland

Annapolis—St. Martin's—Francis St., near State Circle—Carl Haas
 Baltimore—Christ—Beason & Decatur Sts.—P. Briesemeister
 " —Concordia—Walbrook Ave., near Payson St.—F. Giese
 " —*Friedens—Madison & Duncan Sts.—C. Enders
 " —Homestead St. Matthew's—Gorsuch, near Kennedy Ave.—J. O. Reller
 " —*First St. John's—Biddle St., near Pennsylvania Ave.—W. H. Aufderhaar
 " —*St. John's—Lombard & Catherine Sts.—E. G. Kuenzler
 " —*St. Luke's—Henrietta & Eutaw Sts.—F. H. Klemme
 " —St. Matthew's—Fayette St. & Central Ave.—C. W. Locher
 " —*United—East Ave. & Dillon St.—W. Batz
 " —Immigrant Home—Beason, near Decatur St.—O. Apitz

Michigan

Ann Arbor—Bethlehem—Fourth Ave. South, near Packard St.—G. A. Neumann
 Detroit—Bethany—Seminole & Waterloo Sts.—A. Martin
 " —Bethel—Linwood & Lathrop Sts.—*R. Niebuhr
 " —Christ—Roosevelt & Myrtle Sts.—Theo. Jud
 " —Immanuel—Livernois & Vernor Sts.—A. W. Bachmann
 " —First St. John's—Russell & Chestnut Sts.—H. Horny
 " —Second St. John's—Burdens & Ford Sts.—R. J. Beutler
 " —St. Luke's—Jos. Campau & Harper Ave.—L. Kleber
 " —St. Mark's—Dix & Military Aves.—A. Mallick
 " —St. Matthew's—Concord & Stuart—O. C. Haass
 " —St. Paul's—17th & Rose Sts.—W. H. Alber
 " —St. Peter's—Tecumseh & Michigan Aves.—C. A. Haneberg
 Pontiac—St. Paul's—Auburn Ave. & Hill St.—Theo. Papsdorf

Minnesota

Duluth—St. Paul's—10th Ave. E. & 3rd St.—P. T. Bratzel
 Little Falls—St. John's Ev. Luth.—3rd St. & 4th Ave., Northeast—T. Herrmann
 Minneapolis—St. John's—16th Ave. & 3rd St., North—Emil H. Sans
 Rochester—Ev. Friedens—N. Broadway & Winona—W. W. Bunge
 St. Paul—St. Paul's—Cor. Tilton & St. Peters St.—K. Koch

Missouri

Cape Girardeau—Cor. Ellis & Merriwether Sts.—Fr. Bemberg
 Kansas City—St. Peter's—1323 Oak St.—J. Sauer
 Sedalia—Evangelical Immanuel—Vermont & 4th St.—J. C. Rieger
 St. Joseph—Evangelical Zion—9th & Jule Sts.—F. C. Klick
 " —Ev. Luth. Zion—15th & Lafayette—*Karl Meyer
 St. Louis—Bethany—Rosalie & Red Bud Ave.—Fred. H. Krafft
 " —Bethesda—Hoffmeister & Dammert Aves.—E. P. Richter
 " —Bethel (English)—Garrison & Greer Aves.—T. L. Müller
 " —Bethlehem—Shaw Ave. & Hereford St.—
 " —Christ—7117 Manchester Ave.—J. Varwig
 " —Trinity—Neosho St. & Michigan Ave.—H. T. Bahnsen
 " —Ebenezer—2921 McNair Ave.—L. Südmeier
 " —Eden—Hamilton & Bartmer Aves.—

- St. Louis—Emmaus—Chouteau & Tower Grove Aves.—K. Pleger
 " —Redeemer—6452 S. Kingshighway—G. Duval
 " —Evangelical (Carondelet)—Michigan & Köln Aves.—Ed. Bleibtreu
 " —Friedens—19th St. & Newhouse Ave.—Theo. Oberhellmann
 " —Holy Ghost—Grand Ave. & Page Blvd.—Theo. F. Braun
 " —Immanuel—Euclid & Maple Aves.—G. Bode
 " —Jesus—12th & Victor Sts.—W. F. Simon, Ph. D.
 " —Second English—Alice Ave. & Grant St.—J. J. Meyer, D. D.
 " —St. Andrew's—California Ave. & Juniata St.—G. Nussmann
 " —St. James—College & Blair Aves.—Th. Braun
 " —St. John's—14th & Madison Sts.—F. Klemme
 " —St. Luke's—Tennessee Ave., betw. Shenandoah Ave. & Sidney St.—
 H. Walser
 " —St. Mark's—Russell & McNair Aves.—E. H. Eilts
 " —St. Matthew's—Jefferson Ave. & Potomac St.—H. Drees
 " —Nazareth—Morganford Road & Tholoan Ave.—Geo. M. Poth
 " —St. Paul's—9th St., near Lafayette Ave.—Chapel: Giles Ave. & Potomac
 St.—J. Irion, Otto Press, Assistant pastor
 " —St. Peter's—Chouteau Place, St. Louis & Warne Aves.—Wm. Hackmann
 " —Salem—Marcus & Margaretta Aves.—H. Walz
 " —Salvator—Plover & Thekla Aves., Walnut Park—Joh. Reichardt
 " —St. Stephen's—Gimblin & Halls Ferry Road—C. H. Decker
 " —Zion—25th & Benton Sts.—J. Baltzer, E. Baltzer, Assistant pastor

Nebraska

- Lincoln—St. John's—10th & New Hampshire Sts.—D. Maul
 " —St. Paul's—13th & F Sts.—Ad. Matzner
 Omaha—St. John's—24th & Vinton Sts.—W. Schaefer

New York

- Albany—Evangelical Prot.—Alexander & Clinton Sts.—H. Reller
 Auburn—St. Luke's—Seminary Ave., betw. Seminary & Franklin Sts.—E. Henzel
 Amsterdam—Ev. Luth. Zion—Grove & Liberty Sts.—F. E. C. Haas
 Buffalo—St. Andrew's—Genesee & Domedion—G. Berner
 " —Bethany—Eaton, near Jefferson—C. Loos
 " —Bethlehem—Genesee & Parade Circle—A. Goetz
 " —Calvary—Fillmore, near Dewey Ave.—J. R. Graf
 " —Christ—Clinton & Baltz—A. Zink
 " —Friedens—Eagle, opposite Monroe—P. Speidel
 " —Immanuel—Military Road & Glor—H. L. Streich
 " —St. James—Jefferson Ave., near High—Paul R. Zwilling
 " —St. John's—Amherst, near East—O. Wittlinger
 " —St. Luke's—Richmond Ave. & West Utica—W. Werheim, D. D.
 " —St. Mark's—Oak, near Tupper—Paul Zwilling
 " —St. Matthew's—Swan & Hageman—M. Davis
 " —St. Paul's—Ellicott, near Tupper—C. G. Haas
 " —St. Peter's—Genesee & Hickory—T. Bode
 " —Pilgrim—572 Spring—P. Michel
 " —Salem—F. D. Oberkircher
 " —St. Stephen's—Calumet & Garfield—W. Schild
 " —Trinity—Gold, near Ludington—H. Kraemer
 Brooklyn—Bethlehem—Cortelyou Rd. & E. 7th St.—W. E. Bourquin
 Hornell—St. Paul's—Cor. Elm & John Sts.—G. F. Hahn
 New York City—St. Paul's—2136 Newbold Ave. (Westchester)—J. P. Schwab
 " —St. Paul's—159 E. 112th St.—H. Rexroth
 North Tonawanda—St. Peter's—1208 Oliver St.—F. Westermann
 Rochester—Christ Ev.—129 Jackson St., near Parkland Ave.—O. H. Schroeder
 " —St. Paul's—Fitzhugh St., near Church—R. Stave
 " —Salem—Franklin, near St. Paul St.—Fr. Frankenfeld & J. C. Kramer
 " —Trinity—Cor. Child & Wilder Sts.—A. C. G. Baltzer
 Schenectady—Friedens—Franklin & Clinton Sts.—H. F. Grotefend
 " —St. John's—431 Howard St.—J. Schauer
 Syracuse—Evangelical Friedens—Lodi & Ash Sts.—W. Bauer
 New Jersey
 Bayonne—Evangelical—Cor. Lord Ave. & 4th St.—C. Schauer
 Newark—St. Stephen's Evang.—Cor. Hamburg Place & Ferry St.—Edw. Fuhrmann
 " —Zion—Alexander St.—

Ohio

- Cincinnati—*German Prot. (Price Hill)—McPherson Ave.—
 " —*First German Protestant (Carthage)—*E. Stroehlein
 " —*First Ev.—Hoffner St., near Knowlton's Corner—H. Huebschmann
 " —First Evangelical (Columbia)—4311 Eastern Ave.—R. J. Kurz
 " —Ev. Prot. St. Matthew's (Winton Place)—Epworth Ave.—P. Benthin

Cincinnati—Immanuel (Fairmount)—Tremont & Lawnway—H. J. Sonneborn
 " —St. John's (Reading)—Jefferson & Cooper Aves.—P. Bourquin
 " —St. Luke's—3rd & Parson—W. Krueger
 " —*St. Martin's (Lickrun)—Saffin St.—
 " —St. Matthew's (Elmwood)—Centre Hill, near Carthage Ave.—
 " —*St. Peter's (Pleasant Ridge)—6126 Ridge Ave.—F. Hohmann
 " —*Philippus—Race St. & McMicken Ave.—F. L. Dorn, D. D.
 " —*Salem (Noorwood)—Courtland Ave. & Montgomery Rd.—W. Grunewald
 " —Zion—15th & Bremen—A. E. Viehe
 Cleveland—Bethany—W. 41st St. & Storer Ave.—H. C. Voss
 " —Christ—W. 98 & Kudell Ave.—H. Eppens
 " —Ebenezer—St. Clair Ave. & E. 73rd St.—G. C. Maul
 " —Friedens—E. 46th St. & Kimmel Rd.—F. Trefzer
 " —Immanuel—Kinsman Rd. & E. 72nd St.—T. Frohne
 " —Ev. Luth. St. John's—E. 55th St. & Magnet Ave.—C. Burghardt
 " —St. Matthew's—Wade Park Ave. & E. 90th St.—P. Schroeder
 " —St. Paul's—Scovill Ave. & E. 28th St.—A. Schmidt, Ph. D.
 " —Schifflein Christi—Superior Ave. & E. 17th St.—J. Hübschmann
 " —Trinity Evangelical—W. 25th St. & Library Ave.—F. H. Graeper
 " —United Ev. Prot.—Pearl Rd. & Memphis Ave.—O. Rusch
 " —United Ev. Prot. (W. S.)—Bridge Ave. & W. 38th St.—C. W. Bernhardt
 " —Zion—W. 14th St. & Branch Ave.—Th. Thomas
 Columbus—*Ev. Prot. St. John's—65 E. Mound St.—Tim. Lehmann
 " —St. Paul's—225 Gates—W. L. Bretz
 Dayton—St. Luke's McLain & Potomac—C. Schaeffer
 Hamilton—St. John's—Front & Sycamore Sts.—G. S. Gerhold
 " —St. John's—Parrish Ave.—W. Vollbrecht
 " —St. Paul's—Campbell Ave., near 7th St.—W. Vollbrecht
 Lorain—St. John's—Reid Ave. & 7th St.—Theo. Merten
 Mansfield—St. John's—Park Ave. East & Franklin Ave.—G. A. Kienle
 Marion—Salem—312 E. Church St.—R. J. Loew
 Sandusky—Immanuel—Columbus & Adams Sts.—Theo. Eisen
 " —*St. Stephen's—West Jefferson & Lawrence Sts.—J. H. Holdgraf
 Toledo—St. Paul's—Phillips & Vermaes Aves., W. T.—
 Zanesville—Pilgrim Evangelical—Cor. South & Seventh Sts.—R. R. Fillbrandt

Oregon

Portland—Friedens—East Tacoma Ave.—E. Hergert
 " —St. Paul's—447 Failing St.—J. Hergert

Pennsylvania

Columbia—Salem—Walnut, betw. 3rd & 4th Sts.—C. Sprenger
 Erie—St. Luke's—9th, betw. Peach & Sassafras—H. Brodt
 " —St. Paul's—Peach, betw. 10th & 11th—F. W. A. Eiermann
 " —St. Paul's—(East End Branch)—Cor. East Lake Rd. & Brandes Ave.—
 F. W. A. Eiermann
 Scranton—St. Paul's—Prospect Ave. & Beech St.—C. F. Fleck

Texas

San Antonio—Friedens—Main Ave. & Elmira St.—Jul. Reochert
 Waco—Zion—627 South 8th St.—J. Jaworski

Utah

Ogden—St. Paul's—23d & Jefferson Ave.—B. H. Leesmann

Washington

Everett—Zion—3017 Oakes Ave.—P. A. Weiss
 Seattle—Bethlehem—Angeline St., near Rainer Blvd., Columbia Sta.—P. A. Weiss
 " —St. Paul's—1763 W. 62nd St., Ballard Sta.—A. Leutwein
 Spokane—First Evangelical—Indiana Ave. & Lincoln St.—J. Lebart

Wisconsin

Milwaukee—Bethel—38th St. & North Ave.—E. Gehle
 " —Christ—Russell & Pine—H. Niefer
 " —Trinity—4th St. & Lee—F. G. Ludwig
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